

Minutes of the Sixtysixth meeting of the Executive Council

The sixtysixth meeting of the Executive Council was held on the 24th February, 1989 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, Administrative Building, NEHU, Shillong.

Present :

The list of members who attended the meeting is appended as Appendix - I.

WELCOME :

The Chairman welcomed the members to the Sixtysixth Meeting of the Executive Council.

APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received from Dr (Mrs) V. Virmani and Sr Mary Germaine, Principal, St Mary's College, Shillong.

At the outset, the Chairman made an obituary reference to the sad and sudden demise of Prof. M.K. Khare, a member of the Executive Council. The Council observed two minutes' silence to condole the death and the following resolution was adopted.

"Members of the Executive Council expressed their deep sense of grief and shock at the sad and untimely demise of Prof. M.K. Khare. The Council recalled Prof. Khare's distinguished services to the University and paid tributes.

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Two minutes silence was observed in prayer that his soul may rest in peace. It was resolved to convey the Council's condolence to the members of the bereaved family with a prayer to God to grant them fortitude in their hour of sorrow.

Item No.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ~~SIXTYSIXTH~~ SIXTYFIFTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ;

No.EC:66:89:01 : The Council considered the comments received from Prof, J.B. Bhattacharjee and decided as follows:

The Chairman informed that services of Prof. G.B. Singh's were requested for further two years by Institute of Self-Organising Systems and Bio-Physics and one year by the Deptt of Chemistry. Because of (a) and (b) the decisions were unanimously approved to extend his contract on the same terms as hereto for another two years. If Deptt of Chemistry wanted it for another more year they would move the matter in the UGC and MHRD has been informed accordingly.

(b) The Registrar's office, in consultation with Prof. J.B. Bhattacharjee, Dean, School of Social Sciences may look into all cases of fixation of pay of teachers and place before the Executive Council for decision so that teachers themselves would not be required to represent their cases.

(c) The grant of ^{appropriate of School of Anthropology} ~~extra-ordinary leave to~~ Shri K. Nakhro, Lecturer in History may be treated as an item under matters arising out of the minutes of the 64th meeting of the Council.

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No. EC 66:89:02(ii) : It was pointed out that the letters issued to the two teachers during the vacation and the replies could not normally be expected during the period of vacation.

Item No. 4 Deferred Item :

(i) Appointment of Shri T.C. Hazarika as Executive Engineer on contract basis -

EC:66:89:04(i) ; The Council RESOLVED to approve the terms of contract appointment of Shri T.C. Hazarika as Executive Engineer. [Vice-Chancellor expressed his dissatisfaction ^{with} ~~that~~ Mr Hazarika's performance and it was agreed that it is up to the Vice-Chancellor to take whatever action he deems fit in terms of the contract as it is purely an administrative matter.]

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The Council resolved to approve the appointment of Dr Ali Ahmed as Reader in Geography under Merit Promotion Scheme.

Department of Management Studies :

- Lecturer (S)
1. Shri S.R. Marak
 2. Shri V. Santosh Pai
 3. Shri B. Akiri
 4. Dr Banarsi Misra
 5. Ms B.D. Hazarika
 6. Mr M. Shamin

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Waitlisted No 1. Mr S. Narayanan

No. 2 Mr P. Jhingan was considered for entrepreneurial development and recommended for appointment against Reader

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post but in the Lecturer's scale with three increments over and above his present basic and designated as Programme Officer.

The Chairman informed the Council that UGC and All India Council of Technical Education opined that candidates from disciplines in Management like Educational Resource Management and Entrepreneur Development should also be appointed. Noted that Academic Council has already approved it.

Item No. 2 Reporting items :

EC:66:89:02:(1) : The Council noted the stages of action taken on various Resolutions adopted in its 65th Meeting held on the 1st February, 1989

Department of History

Lecturer (S)

1. V. Rengsi
2. M. Sarma
3. S. Basu
4. C. Mawlong. Leave vacancy at Shillong but also to work in Kohima for Archaeology in consultation with the Deptt and the candidate concerned.

Institute of Self-Organising Systems and Bio-Physics

The Council RESOLVED that the actual recommendation of the Selection Committee may be reflected in the minutes as follows:

"Dr P. Nongkynrih and Dr Debjani Roy to be put in senior scale and that when Reader's positions are approved they will be considered for them.

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Since the advertisement laid down the prescribed qualifications and doctorate degree is an essential qualification for the post of Reader, the Council resolved that the posts may be re-advertised.

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The following words should be deleted "and after one year in Kohima, Nagaland". and to read that transfer at that time may be considered.

The Council observed that suggestion for posting of teachers to Kohima, Aizawl or Shillong should not form part of the recommendation of the Selection Committee, as posting is purely and administrative matter and it is a matter to be considered by the Vice-Chancellor and the Executive Council.

The Council further resolved that only the number and nature of vacancies should be mentioned in the advertisement and posting need not be indicated in the advertisement. The indication of vacancies separately at Shillong, Kohima and Aizawl should henceforth be stopped.

No.EC:65:89:6:3:(iii) Deputation of Shri D.C. Pant, Registrar, NEHU to Indira Gandhi National Open University as Director of Evaluation.

The Council RESOLVED to release Shri D.C. Pant on deputation for two years but the position should be reviewed after one year and there would be no further extension beyond two years.

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The Chairman informed the council about the negotiation to bring an IAS Officer to perform duties of Registrar and some others. Name of Mr. H.W.T. Syiem was mentioned.

With the above modifications, the Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the Sixty-fifth meeting of the Executive Council held on the 1st February, 1989.

Item No.2 REPORTING ITEMS :

EC:66:89:02(i): The Council noted the stages of action taken on various Resolutions adopted in its 65th meeting held on the 1st February, 1989:

5:1 Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations & Rules.

(i) Amendment of Clause 11 of Ordinance OC-4 on Ph.D. Programme -

No.EC:66:89:5:1(i) : The Council resolved to defer consideration of the item as the Academic Council has not considered the amendment.

(ii) Amendment of Clause 11:1 of Ordinance OC-5 on M.Phil. Programme -

No.EC:66:89:5:(ii): The Council resolved to defer consideration of the item.

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6:1 - Selection Committee

(i) Selection Committee -

No. EC:66:89:6:1:(i): The Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Local Selection Committee and the regular Selection Committee as indicated below.

Academic Staff College
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Lecturer

Mrs. P. Michael as Senior Lecturer on Adhoc Basis for Six months in the first instance. Salary as per rules.

USIC

~~Post~~ Principal Scientific Officer

Dr. B.N. Mehrotra with pay protection.

Waiting List

Dr. P.K. Bhattacharjee

~~Post~~

Deputy Registrar, Kohima

The post to be re-advertised

6:2 Appointment/Creation-upgradation of post/Confirmation/Extension/Option/Transfer Release/Termination.

(i) Proposal of Termination of Services of Shri M.C.Koza Store Keeper, SASRD, Medziphema.

No. EC:66:89:6:2:(i): The Council unanimously resolved to terminate the Services of Shri M.C.Koza, Store Keeper, SASRD, Medziphema, who remained absent from duty without intimation or prior permission from the office for more than three years with effect from 1.1.85, with immediate effect on payment of three months salary in lieu of notice.

(ii) Seniority List of Teachers-under Merit Promotion Scheme and Open Selection.

No. EC:66:89:6:2:(ii): The Item was withdrawn.

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6:3 - Leave/Deputation

- (i) Deputation of Shri D.C. Pant, Registrar, North-Eastern Hill University, to IGNOU, Indira Gandhi National Open University, as Director of Evaluation.

No.EC:66:89:6:2:(i): The Council noted and referred to its earlier resolution No.EC:65:89:3:(iii) adopted in its 65th meeting, which was corrected and confirmed.

6:4 - Discipline.

- (i) Disciplinary case against Prof. M.S. Padma, Head, Department of Education -

No.EC:66:89:6:4:(i): The Council resolved to defer consideration of the matter.

- (ii) Disciplinary case against Prof. (Mrs.) H. Ila, Head, Department of Chemistry -

No.EC:66:89:6:4:(ii) The Council resolved to defer consideration of the matter.

6:6 - Services Condition/Financial and Other Benefits.

- (i) Medical Re-imbusement claim of Prof. A.C. Sinha, Head, Department of Sociology.

No.EC:66:89:6:6:(i): The Council, considering the serious nature of the accident, resolved to approve re-imbusement of the Medical Claims of Prof. A.C. Sinha on nursing home charges, medicines, surgery, x-ray, other ~~and~~ items essential for treatment, excluding expenses on tonics and food etc. The decision is taken as a very special case, not to be cited as a precedent. As the accident occurred while on journey on L.T.C., the Council resolved to allow air travel as it was necessary for transportation of the victim and further resolved that the L.T.C. Advance may be adjusted and he may be asked to adjust the excess amount, if any, personally.

6:7 - Creation of NEHU Ombudsman - EC:66:89:6:7:(i)

The Chairman constituted a committee with Dr. R.C. Mehrotra (Chairman), Dr. V.C. Vora, Mr. G. Mukhety, and Dr. J.B. Bhattacharjee

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as Members and Dr. N. Miri as Convener. The Chairman requested the E.C. to authorise him to add two more names, if necessary. This was agreed to. The meetings would be held in Delhi.

7:2 - Budget Estimate/Financial contribution to other organisations.

(1) 12th Annual Report for the year 1985-86 and the 13th Annual Report for the year 1986 - 87.

No.EC:66:89:7:2:(i) The Council noted that some of the departments of the University like Chemistry etc. did not figure in the Annual Report and desired that a complete Report be presented. It also observed that the achievements and publications of the Departments etc. may be mentioned in the Report.

6:2 (iii) Request of Prof. S.N. Dube, for grant of Extra-Ordinary Leave -

No.EC:66:89:6:2:(iii): The Council was informed that Prof. S.N. Dube would stand to lose the benefit of his past services for a number of years if his request for grant of extra-ordinary leave is not granted and he is treated as on resignation. The Council, on reconsideration of the matter, resolved to grant extra-ordinary leave to Prof. S.N. Dube, for a period of six months to enable him to take up an assignment as Director, Science and Technology at Kota University, Rajasthan, w.e.f. 20-8-88, as a very special case not to be cited as a precedent.

6:3(ii) Statement of teachers on leave

No.EC:66:89:6:3:(ii): The Council deferred consideration of the matter.

6:7 - Other

(i) Taking over of the PLTC NEHU

No.EC:66:89:6:7:(i): The Council considered the letter No.F.7/PTC/86 of February, 89 addressed to the Vice-Chancellor by the Director, PCTC, Shillong and the letter No.PER(AR) 218/84/55 dated 14-2-89 of the Govt. of Meghalaya, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (B) Department assuring to provide committed share of Rs.2.07 lakhs annually for the Centre and resolved that the Pre-Examination Training Centre may be taken over ^{by} the University as one of its regular Centres to be governed by the Statutes and the Ordinances of the University, subject to the approval by the University Grants Commission.

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7:4 - Delegation of financial power

- (i) Delegation of Administrative and Financial powers -

No. EC:66:89:7:4:(i) The Council approved in principle the delegation of power as proposed. However, it was decided that suggestion if any on the issue may be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration in the next/special meeting.

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5:8 - Others

- (ii) Transfer of the scientific equipment -- request from Dr. J. Subramanian -

No. EC:66:89:5:8:(ii) Prof. A.L. Verma, Dean, School of Physical Sciences reported to the Council of the result of his contact with Dr. J. Subramanian through a letter ^{and Prof. M. Junjappa} regarding the transfer of the Scientific equipment to Pondichery University. The Council resolved that the equipment may be transferred to Pondichery University together with the accessories, provided the Pondichery University would be willing to re-imburse the cost of accessories borne by NEHU.

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(i) At this stage, Prof. R.S. Lyngdoh, sought to move the resolution tabled by him with the permission of the Chair. The Council enquired about the result of its earlier resolution No. EC:65;89:02(i) regarding the continuance of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Mishra, in office for the full term of five years. The Chairman informed that a letter had been received from the President's Secretariat stating that the letter dated 3rd February, 1989 had been received but that the letter of 6th January 1989 had not reached them. The Council, therefore, considered the provisions of the Statute of the University governing the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor and noted with regret that the present Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.K. Mishra, would not be able to continue in office beyond 65 years of age in view of the provisions of Statute 2 (a) (3) of the University. The Council, therefore, resolved that the Senior-most Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.R. Mehrotra, may perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until a new Vice-Chancellor assumed office, as per the provision of Statute 2 (a) (5).

The Council also noted that on two occasions in the past the Pro Vice-Chancellor took over charge as Vice-Chancellor when the office of the Vice-Chancellor fell vacant.

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The taking over charge by Prof. R.R. Mehrotra will be an interim arrangement and that this interim arrangement will cease to operate as soon as a regular Vice-Chancellor is appointed.

The Council expressed ^{its} happiness that Prof. R.K. Mishra was willing to take up Science profession again in the Institute of Self Organising Systems and Bio-Physics in the capacity of the Director of the Institute. ^{as per his contract with NEHU} The Council felt that this would be helpful and in the interest of the University and the region.

The Council further resolved to adopt the resolution moved by Prof. R.S. Lyngdoh as follows--

"We, the members of the Executive Council of the North-Eastern Hill University present; having jointly, severally and with unanimity passed the resolution at the meeting of the Council on January 5, 1989;

Requesting the Visitor to allow Dr. R.K. Mishra to complete his full Five-Year ~~term~~ term as Vice-Chancellor for the better interest of the North-Eastern Hill University;

Having reiterated the said resolution of the Council in its meeting held on February 1, 1989;

Having waited hopefully and with deep anguish and anxiety that the result of the request shall be favourable;

Having been convinced that the request is of utmost importance and of prime necessity for the development of the University;

Place on Record our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. R.K. Mishra, Vice-Chancellor of the North-Eastern Hill University:

For his magnanimity of head and heart and sincere effort to translate into reality the aspirations as contained in the PREAMBLE of the North-Eastern Hill University Act, 1973;

And

For his noble endeavour to build the three Campuses of the university as CENTRES-PAR-EXCELLENCE and EXCELSIOR IN EVERY DISCIPLINE."

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ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR :

(i) The Chairman apprised the Council of his correspondence with Fr. Wallace and referred to his expert and deep knowledge about religions. He also circulated two books published by Fr. Wallace for information of the Council. The Council RESOLVED to invite Fr. Wallace to deliver lectures to be organised by the Department of Philosophy, as part of spiritual studies.

(ii) The Chairman proposed for extension of the term of appointment of Shri M. Dutt, Visiting fellow and the Council RESOLVED to extend his term of appointment for one year.

(iii) The Chairman informed the Council that Prof. Shri Prakash of the Department of Economics desired to join NIEPA at their invitation and placed his request to allow him to retain his house at Shillong. The Council, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department and the Dean, School of Social Sciences, RESOLVED to allow Prof. Shri Prakash to take up an assignment at NIEPA for a period upto December, 1989 and also to retain his house at Shillong.

(iv) The Chairman proposed that Prof. Skolimowsky may be invited to deliver lectures in the University and the Council RESOLVED to approve the proposal.

(v) The Chairman apprised the Council of the decision to shift the Bijni Girls' Hostel to accommodate University Health Clinic and that the Registrar had already issued an order to this effect. He also informed that the Proctor and the Dean of Students' Welfare had also been informed about it but actual shifting could not take place till today though more than one month had passed. The E.C. resolved that this should be implemented expeditiously.

(vi) The Chairman tabled before the Council the request of the Banaras Hindu University for payment of leave salary and pension contribution in respect of Dr R.R. Mehrotra for the period of his deputation with NEHU. The Council observed that it is a common practice and standard provision in cases of deputation and as such the Council RESOLVED that the leave salary and pension contribution may be made for the period of deputation of Dr. R.R. Mehrotra, on foreign service terms.

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(vii) The Chairman informed that Dr. T. Shisak had ^{been} offered to allot a plot of land for Sports Complex at Patkai at a very nominal price. The Council RESOLVED to approve the proposal.

The Council RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Executive Council may be held ~~at~~ 11th April, 1989.

The meeting ended at 1:30 p.m. with a Vote of Thanks from the Chair. He expressed his happiness and gratitude for the willing and ready co-operation extended to him by all concerned during his tenure of service as the Vice-Chancellor. He hoped that exciting days in Science lie before him as he assumes office as the Director of Institute of Self Organising Systems and Bio-Physics.

R.K. Mishra
(R.K. Mishra)
Chairman,
Executive Council
NEHU, Shillong.
25th Feb. 1989

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