

AGENDA FOR THE 29TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE HELD  
ON 12th MARCH, 1982....SHILLONG.

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Item No. I

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 5.12.81.

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The Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 5.12.81. were circulated to all the members with a request to give their comments if any on them. Since no comment has been received, the minutes stated may therefore be confirmed.

## Item No. 2

Regarding payment arising out of the sudden death of (late) Dr S.C. Banwar, Acting Vice-Chancellor of NEHU.

Following the death of Dr S.C. Banwar, on the evening of 30.10.81 an emergency meeting of the Executive Council was held on 2nd Nov., '81 to discuss certain matters arising out of his tragic death. The meeting decided inter-alia that funeral and other related expenses shall be paid entirely by the University and that Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand), released immediately in order to enable the family to meet any immediate expenses. The emergent meeting further recommended that the matter be placed before the full fledged EC for ex-gratia payment of at least Rs.1,50,000/- to the family of (late) Dr S.C. Banwar.

In the subsequent EC meeting held on 5.12.81 it was decided that the amount of ex-gratia payment be enhanced from Rs.1.50 lakhs to Rs.2.00 lakhs with the following conditions:-

- (1) Rs.1.25 lakh, as non-optional part, be kept in deposit in a Nationalised Bank to be released after 10 years &
- (2) Rs.0.75 as optional part of the deposit to be drawn by Mrs Banwar in instalments or otherwise at any time.

A total payment to the extent of Rs.2,20,000/- was thus made as shown below:-

(1)	Rs. 20,000.00	As per Emergency Meeting Resolution
(2)	Rs.1,25,000.00	Deposited in Bank as Non-optional Deposit
(3)	Rs. 75,000.00	-do- Optional Deposit
	<u>Rs.2,20,000.00</u>	

It may also be submitted that Finance had to make the following expenditure out of its own funds as directed by emergency EC held on 2.11.81.

(1)	Rs. 4,347.00	Air travel of the family and party escort to Hazaribagh for burial
(2)	Rs. 2,000.00	Payment made through Registrar
(3)	Rs. 400.00	Cost of Coffin supplied by the Don Bosco
Total	<u>Rs. 6,747.00</u>	

## Item No. 3.

## Investment pattern of CP/GP Fund

According to Clause 13:1 of the Statutes of the U.E.H.U. Retirement Benefit Scheme the balance of CP/GP Fund after reserving suitable amounts for current needs, shall be invested in the National Saving Certificate and/or other investment covered by Sec. 20 of the Indian Trust Act of 1982.

But as per UGC letter NO.F.25-35/77(D-5c) dated 25.4.78. the University is required to follow the investment pattern prescribed by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) in their notification NO.F.12 (14)-PP/75 dated 30.6.75. wherein they have prescribed the following pattern for investment.

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| (i) Government securities as defined in Section 2 of the Public Debt Act, 1944 (18 of 1944) created and issued by the Central Government.   | Not less than 25% |
| (ii) Government securities as defined in Section 2 of the Public Debt Act 1944 (18 of 1944) created and issued by any State Government.   | Not less than 5%  |
| (iii) Any other negotiable securities/bonds the principal whereof and interest where on is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Central Government or any State Government.        | Not less than 20% |
| (iv) 7-year National Savings Certificates (Second Issued & Third Issue) or post office Time Deposits.   | Not exceeding 30% |
| (v) Special Deposits scheme introduced by notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, No.F.16(1)-PD/75 dated the 30th June, 1975. | Not exceeding 20% |

A sum of Rs.4,11,000/- has so far been invested in long term Fixed deposit earning interest @ 10% in addition to Rs. 10,50,000/- in seven year re-investment plan earning interest @ Rs. 14.23% per annum.

The matter is placed before Executive Council for favour of consideration and decision.

Item No. 4

Advances from CP/GP Fund.

According to clause 7.1.1 of the Statute of 'North Eastern Hill University Retirement Benefit Schemes' the Vice-Chancellor is competent to sanction advance out of the GP/CP Fund but the power was delegated to the Finance Officer by the Vice-Chancellor as per office order No.FA/FF/ADV/81-82/7980 dt. 24.6.81 (Appendix ..I)

2. It has been stipulated in the said clause that 'no advance shall be granted unless the sanctioning authority is satisfied that the applicant's pecuniary circumstances justify it and that it will be expended on the objects specified thereunder'(Appendix..II) . But in the absence of any specific creteria laid down in our Rules in this regard the sanctioning authority finds it difficult as to how to satisfy himself that the said conditions have been fulfilled before an advance is sanctioned. In view of this it may kindly be considered whether an undertaking taken from the applicant covering the points will meet the requirement.

The matter is placed before E.C. for favour of consideration and decision.

## APPENDIX ...I

NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
SHILLONG

NO.FA/PF/ADV/81-82/7980

Dated the 24th June, 1981.

OFFICE ORDER

In exercise of powers conferred upon me as per statute 43 of the statutes of the North-Eastern Hill University Act, 1973 the powers to sanction temporary advances out of G.P.F/C.P.F. are delegated to the Finance Officer, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong with immediate effect.

This has been approval of the Executive Council vide resolution No.24:81:15 dated 4.4.81.

Sd/-

Vice-Chancellor

Copy to :-

1. The Registrar, NEHU, Shillong.
2. All Heads of Departments.
3. O.S.D. NEHU, Mizoram, Aizawl.
4. O.S.D. NEHU, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. Principal, College of Agriculture  
Medziphema, Nagaland
6. Principal, Pachhunga University College, Aizawl.
7. Asstt. Finance Officer.
8. Superintendents Finance & Accounts Department.

Extract copy from the NEHU Retirements Benefit Rules

7.1(1) No advance shall be granted unless the sanctioning authority is satisfied that the applicant's pecuniary circumstances justify it, and that it will be expended on the object specified thereunder,

Item No. 5.

Opening of a separate Savings Bank Account with the Punjab National Bank, Shillong for grants received from the N.E.C. under the NEC Plan Schemes.

The NEC has released a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only as first instalment, of grants under the N.E.C. Plan Schemes. The above amount was provisionally deposited to Punjab National Bank, Shillong on 21.12.81.

The purpose was to undertake all necessary transactions in regard to the above Scheme with the Bank from time to time and also to obtain loan to the extent of Rs.80.00 lakhs required as part expenditure for construction of hostels for Scheduled Tribe Students.

In order to enable the University to do so, a separate Saving Bank Account with the Punjab National Bank had to be opened.

The matter is therefore placed before the Executive Council for consideration and necessary decision.

Item No. 6.

Opening of a separate Savings Bank Account with the Punjab National Bank, Shillong for the interest accrued out of short term fixed deposit in respect of Mrs Elwin Memorial Endowment Fund.

The University has already opened Short term fixed deposit of Rs.25,000/- with the Punjab National Bank, Shillong, in respect of Mrs Elwin Memorial Endowment Fund. The interest accrued till 21.10.81 is Rs.3,992.95.

In order to enable the University to effectively operate the account for the purpose for which it was intended, a separate Savings Bank Account for the interest may be opened as decided by the Finance Committee in its meeting vide resolution No.2(v)(g) dated 24.1.81. Appendix..III)

The matter is therefore placed to the Executive Council for favourable consideration.

Resolution No.2(v)(c)

Opening of Separate Bank Accounts for Separate grants and Schemes

The Committee observed that opening of separate accounts in the Bank would create complications. The matter maybe further examined and placed before the Committee subsequently.

The Committee, however, agreed to the opening of separate accounts in bank for House Building Fund and interest accrued on endowment funds.

Item No. 7.

Acceptance of balance on account of  
GP/CP Fund in respect of Officials  
joining N.E.H.U.

According to Clause 5 of the Statutes of the NEHU Retirement Benefit Scheme (App.B) read with rule (5) under "Title & Commencement", a person joining NEHU after being in the service of another Central University or the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is entitled to the benefit of having his fund accumulation transferred to the corresponding Fund Account of this University. Transfer from G.P.F. to C.P.F. or vice versa is not however permissible.

But our rules do not say anything about transfer of balances in respect of officials joining NEHU from Central or State Govt. services, and as such this University had to release the earlier accumulations to individual officials. According to procedure being followed by the University of Delhi (Appendix..IV& V) it appears that such transfer of funds accumulations in respect of officials coming from Central/State Govt or a body Corporate, owned or controlled by Govt. or Universities/Colleges or Institutions of University, States or an autonomous organisation registered under the Societies Reihstration Act of 1960 is permissible.

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for favour of consideration and decision as to whether the procedure followed by the University of Delhi should be incorporated in the NEHU Retirement Benefit Scheme. The date of effect of this modification, if approved, may also be kindly specified.

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No. Fin. VIII/PF/Misc/1981-82/29704  
Dated: 5th November, 1981

10.11.81

The Assistant Finance Officer,  
North-Eastern Hill University,  
Lower Lachumiere,  
Shillong - 793 001

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. FA/PF/4/Misc/135/III/8971 dated 25th August, 1981, I am to inform you that in terms of Contributory/General Provident Fund of Statute 28-A of the University if an employee admitted to the benefit of the fund was previously a subscriber to any Contributory/Non Contributory Provident Fund of the Central Government/State Government or a body corporate, owned or controlled by Government or Universities/Colleges or Institutions of University status or an autonomous organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 immediately before his appointment in the University, the amount of his accumulations in such Contributory or Non Contributory Provident Fund shall be transferred to his credit in the Fund.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar  
(A/C-II).

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No.VII/1/180-PFP

Dated : 24.11.1981

The Assistant Finance Officer,  
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Shillong - 793 001

Subject: Acceptance of balance on account of G.P. Fund in  
respect of Officials joining NEHU as a fresh entrance  
on relinquishment of earlier services under State/  
Central Governments.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.FA/PF/4/Misc/  
135-III/8971 dt. 25.8.81 addressed to Registrar of this University  
and to state that the instructions contained in the Government of  
India Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 26(18)EV(B) 75 dt 8.4.76 have been  
adopted by the University the amendment of which to the Statute of  
this University awaiting the approval of the Visitor.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-

G. GANESARATNAM  
Dy. Finance Officer.

## Item No. 8

Excerpts of the Minutes of the Academic Council held on 16th February, 1982.

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The following Resolutions adopted at the 12th meeting of the Academic Council held on 16th February, 1982 are placed for information and necessary ratification by the Executive Council.

Item No. 2 Adoption of the 10+ 2+3 pattern of Education in the University and other matters arising from the Third Principals' Conference held on 12th and 13th February, 1982 -

AC:12:82:02(a): The Council considered in detail the question of switching over to the national pattern of 10+2+ 3 so far as the University education is concerned. They took note of the deliberations of the meeting of the Secretaries and Directors of Education as also of the Conference of the Principals' which had earlier considered this question.

The Council noted that the diversification at the +2 stage envisaged in the new pattern of education has gone unattended so far. They appreciated the need for diversification at this level particularly keeping in view the growing needs for different skills in the developing economy in the North Eastern Region. While ultimately the +2 courses may become a part of the School education system, the University must attend to the issues involved so long as the +2 courses are a part of college education.

The Council, therefore, RESOLVED that early steps may be taken by the University -

- (i) for working out the scheme of diversification of courses at +2 level;
- (ii) for preparation of appropriate syllabi, guidelines;
- (iii) for prescribing suitable conditions in terms of physical infrastructure, academic qualifications of teachers, etc., for the new courses before the new courses can be started by a college; and
- (iv) a concomitant scheme of new certificates, diplomas, etc., which may be necessary for this purpose.

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The Council also RESOLVED that in view of the need for continued attention for discharging the new responsibility, the University may set up a Board under the aegis of the Academic Council which may be responsible for all aspects of Pre-University Education subject to the overall guidance of the Academic Council.

(b) The Council noted the proposal to create facilities for instructions in Shorthand and Typewriting to impart new skills to students in Colleges. The Council RESOLVED that a suitable Certificate may be given to those who may acquire minimum proficiency in these skills for which suitable tests may also be worked out.

(c) The Council shared the concern of the Conference of the Principals about the delay in introduction of the 3 Year Degree Course by the University, a matter which had been considered more than once in the past few years. The Council RESOLVED that the 3-Year Degree Course should be introduced with effect from the next academic session, viz., during 1982 itself. The Council further RESOLVED that endeavour may be made that as many Colleges introduce the new courses as early as possible.

The Council, however, noted that it may be necessary to retain the 2-Year Degree Course for sometime in the interest of those institutions which may not be prepared for start the new course in the coming session and thereafter the Council RESOLVED that a Bridge Course may be introduced for such students who take the 2-Year Degree Course but who may be desirous of going in for higher education. The Council further RESOLVED that the 3-Year Degree Course should be an integrated one. However, the 2-Year Course and the Bridge Course should also be so designed so that the two together approximate, as far as possible, to the next 3-Year programme.

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(d) The Council RESOLVED that the 3 Year Degree Course should have a broad academic base which may aim at giving all students an appreciation of the total human situation. The Council considered the three prevailing patterns for the three year course adopted by the different Universities in the country. In some Universities, every student is required to take three subjects of equal weights, while in some others there is a system of two majors and one or two subsidiaries and in some other Universities there is a provision for only one major subject with other subsidiaries. The Council RESOLVED that NEHU may adopt a pattern in which three subjects of equal standard may be prescribed for the first two years with facility for one major subject in the third year.

(e) The Council noted that the introduction of the three-year Degree Course will require the post-graduate course of the University also to be suitably reinforced. However, in the case of those students who have been admitted to the Under-graduate Course in 1981 and before it may be necessary to keep the option open so that they can go in for the Master's Degree Course currently prevalent in the University. The new Master's programme will have to be introduced latest by 1985 when the first batch of the new 3-year Degree Course would have passed out from the different colleges. Nevertheless, the present situation when the graduates from NEHU henceforth may not get admission to the Master's Course in those Universities which have switched over earlier to the 10+ 2+ 3 system was also noted by the Council. There may be some students who may like to pursue their studies in other Centres of higher learning in the country also - which may require 15 year degree for admission. It would not be possible for those Centres to make a special provision for the students of the North-Eastern Hill University alone; and, therefore, it is for the NEHU itself to devise suitable course which may enable the students of the University to join other institutions of higher learning.

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The Council RESOLVED that the possibility of introducing a new Course straightaway for the graduates passing out from the University this year, who would like to take advantage of the reinforced programme, may also be explored so that the option for such students are not closed. The University may also have a dialogue with other Universities which have switched over to the new pattern to the effect that students clearing their M.A. Previous Examination treated at par with their three-year honours in that subject and could be admitted into the new Master's Course in the subject. If there is a demand for a reinforced Master's Courses from graduates of the University, the University should make adequate arrangements for starting a Bridge Course, during 1982 and new Master's Course during 1983. In this eventuality, it will be necessary to run two parallel Courses until 1985.

The Council RESOLVED that the details of the structure of the new 3 Year Degree Course, a Bridge Course, etc., may be worked out by the Boards of Under-Graduate Studies immediately and a broad frame may be prepared initially which may be placed before the Academic Council which may be convened in the first week of April, 1982. The Council will review the progress made and set further task for the introduction of the new programme as may be necessary.

(f) The Council noted the conclusions of the Conference of the Principals in relation to the faculty development programme and generally endorsed them. In particular, the Council RESOLVED that a special M.Phil Programme may be designed for teachers of the constituent colleges which may, inter alia, focus on teaching techniques and upgrading of professional competence in different subjects. The Council further RESOLVED that emphasis in the new M.Phil should be training in research methodology and sensitizing the candidates to the local environments. They should be enabled to fulfil certain credit requirement in the new programme through field studies while working in the Colleges. The Council commended field orientation to the research programme in all subjects.

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(g) The Council RESOLVED that, as recommended by the Principals' Conference a programme of Seminar/Workshops should be worked out in each subject and the calendar for the entire academic session should be drawn up well in advance. The programme for 1982-83 may be drawn up in the month of March itself. The Seminar/Workshops may be of durations ranging from three days to three weeks during the session and may be longer during the winter break. This programme may be organised at different Centres of the University.

(h) The Council concurred with the proposal of the Principals' Conference to introduce a programme of a faculty exchange between the affiliated colleges and the University Departments. The services of teachers working in the colleges located in the headquarters/Campuses of the University may be obtained for one day or so in a week on a regular basis. The services of those in the hinterland colleges may be obtained for a specific period. The teachers from the faculties of the University may also take courses which should be planned in advance for a specific period in the colleges particularly in the colleges located in far off areas. This programme may be taken up particularly in those subjects which need upgrading of course content like Economics, Political Science, Languages, Education, Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences.

(i) The Council agreed with the observations of the Principals' Conference that the effective teaching days in the University are not adequate because of the longer winter break and the main Examinations being scheduled during summer. The uncertainty in the declaration of examination results also affects the total teaching days. The Council RESOLVED to constitute a Committee which may examine this question and place their recommendations before the Council at an early date. The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute this Committee.

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(j) The Council concurred with the recommendation of the Principals' Conference that a suitable regulation may be prepared for prescribing student-teacher ratio size of individual sections in different subjects, etc. The Council RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor may take suitable action in this regard.

(k) The Council accepted the need for encouraging co-curricular activities as recommended by the Principals' Conference and RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor may take suitable measures for implementing these recommendations.

Item No. 4 Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of the Secretaries and Directors of Education, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland with the University on 23rd January, 1982 -

AC:12:82:04(a): The Council considered the proposal of the meeting of the Education Secretaries and Directors of Education for strengthening of the Nagaland and Mizoram Campuses of the University. The Council RESOLVED that one Centre of Excellence covering a School comprising relevant faculties as a whole may be developed in each of the two Campuses to begin with. A School of Earth Sciences may be established in Nagaland and a School of Environmental Sciences with a focus on forestry may be established in Mizoram. The Council also approved the proposal to start Public Administration Course in Mizoram.

(c) The Council accepted the need for establishing a Centre each for Rural Development, (Educational Technology) and School Mathematics and Science in Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya respectively, keeping in view the special responsibility of the University in relation to the social and economic advancement of the hillpeople in the North Eastern Region.

