

NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
SHILLONG

MINUTES OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
14.11.2000 AT 5.30 P.M AT SHILLONG.

*Members present*

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| 1. Prof. Mrinal Mini,<br>Vice Chancellor,<br>N.E.H.U., Shillong.                                                   | Chairman               |
| 2. Prof. R Lalthantluanga,<br>Pro Vice Chancellor,<br>Mizoram Campus, NEHU,<br>Aizawl.                             | Member                 |
| 3. Shri O P Nigam,<br>Financial Adviser,<br>University Grants Commission,<br>Bahadurshah Zatar Marg,<br>New Delhi. | Member                 |
| 4. Shri S S Mahlawat,<br>Under Secretary,<br>Govt of India, (Deptt. Of Education),<br>M.H.R.D., New Delhi.         | Representative of MHRD |
| 5. Prof. J B Bhattacharjee,<br>Department of History,<br>N.E.H.U., Shillong.                                       | Member                 |
| 6. Dr. Lalrimawia,<br>Director,<br>Higher & Technical Education,<br>Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl.                      | Member                 |
| 7. Shri L Nampui,<br>Finance Officer, N.E.H.U.,<br>Shillong.                                                       | Ex-Officio Secretary   |

The Chairman of the Finance Committee welcomed the members and initiated discussion and also informed the Committee of the apology sent by the Financial Adviser, MHRD for his inability to attend the meeting. After detailed deliberations and

taking into account the comments communicated by the Financial Adviser, MHRD, vide letter No.F.40-19/99-IFD dt.20.10.2000, the following decisions were arrived-at.

Item No.1 The proceedings of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20.11.99 was confirmed since no comments were received from the members.

Item No.2 Reporting Items (on the action taken).

The report on the action taken by the University on the recommendation of The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee was read-out and the Committee observed as follows :-

- (i) The revised diet charges @Rs.70/-per day in respect of Sport Persons was ratified by the Committee as the same is within the approved rate adopted by the Other Central Universities, eg. Visva Bharati.
- (ii) The Committee noted the recommendation of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee for creation of additional posts at Group 'B', 'C' & 'D' level under Plan proposals.
- (iii) As regards to the deficit of Rs.110.04 lac under Non Plan account during the financial year 1997-98, the Committee advised the University to refer the matter separately showing the details of liabilities and reasons thereof that have been carried forward from year to year for consideration by UGC.
- (iv) The Chairman apprised the members of the Committee that the University is still in the process of extending the revised pay to the University employees pursuant to the 5<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Revision which would involve additional fund to meet the liabilities. The Committee advised the University to work-out the remaining liabilities for the purpose of reimbursement of the total expenditure on account of the said pay revision.
- (v) The Committee noted the action taken on the proposed creation of additional post of Lecturer in the department of Hindi in its Xth Plan proposal consequent upon conversion of one post of Lecturer to the post of Medical Officer.
- (vi) As regards to the interest accrued on investment of accumulation in GPF/CPF, the member representing the MHRD informed the Committee that the reply has since been sent to the University in

this regard and a copy of which, may again be obtained from the Ministry.

Item No. 3 To approve the Annual Account for the year 1999-2000.

The unaudited Annual Account for the year 1999-2000 of the University was duly approved by the Committee with the following observations :-

- (i) An amount of Rs.40.00 lac as shown in the Annual Account which was apparently transferred from Non Plan Account to H.B.A account was irregular and therefore, the Committee advised the University to immediately transfer the same to Non Plan Account under intimation to the Financial Adviser, UGC, in order to enable the Commission to release further grant on H.B.A.
- (ii) The Committee noted that the list of 73 (seventy three) Imprest Holders and the quantum of amount sanctioned to such Imprest Holders ranging from Rs.200/- to Rs.5.00 lac is not in conformity with the existing provision of GFR and hence, advised that the system be reviewed with regard to grant of temporary advance in lieu of imprest which should be limited to 7(seven) days to such officials who may require.

Item No.4 To consider the Revised Estimates for 2000-01 & Budget Estimates for the year 2001-02.

- (i) The Committee was apprised that there is a need for sufficient allocation of fund for academic activities based on the recommendation of the 'Punnayya Committee' since the existing allocation of fund in respect of Salary & Non salary components does not favour the expansion of academic standards as a major portion of its expenditure is incurred on Establishment Cost. In this regard, the Committee felt that the University may review the existing staffing pattern which is presently in the ratio of 1:5 and to suggest proportionate adjustment so that adequate fund can be diverted towards academic activities in future.
- (ii) The Committee observed the following discrepancies in the draft budget with regard to the number of sanctioned posts and number of posts filled-up as shown by the University.

	<u>Name of Post</u>	<u>No. of sanctioned Posts</u>	<u>Posts filled-up</u>
a) Page No. 6	D.R	0	2
b) Page No.14	M.O	3	4
c) Page No.34	Lecturer	1	2
d) Page No.36	Reader	1	2
e) Page No.40	Professor	3	4

- (iii) Further, it was observed that the strength of staff in Tura Campus is not commensurating with the sanctioned posts as reflected at Page No.47 of the Draft Budget. In addition, it was also noted that provision against Academic Staff College is still included in the budget despite the fact that the said College has long been abolished.
- (iv) The Committee recommended that the discrepancies with regard to the staff on roll vis-à-vis sanctioned posts be reviewed and reported in the next meeting of the Finance Committee. The Committee also advised that the University should maintain an updated 'Strength Check Register' showing the staff position in order to avoid any anomalous position in future.
- (v) The Committee noted that the University has budgetary provision under 11-Scholarship/Fellowship/Stipend. In this regard, the Committee observed that since the UGC extends cent per cent financial assistance to meet the requirement on Fellowship for NET qualified JRF/SRF, hence provisions for such component may not be incorporated in the Budget as well as in the Annual Account under Non Plan of the University. However, as far as the provisions for P.G. NEHU Scholarship & Cultural activities, the same may be retained since no separate financial assistance is extended by the UGC in this regard.
- (vi) It was brought to the attention of the Committee that unless proper justification on the budgetary allocation under 14-Contribution to Reserve Fund is made available, the proposed allocation of Rs. 5.00 lac will stand reduced from the over all budget.

The Committee after a thread bare discussion on the over all proposed budget of the University under Revised Estimates for 2000-01 and Budget Estimates for 2001-02, has resolved to approve the budget as here under subject to the submission of clarification/justification to the anomalies appearing at Item No.3(I), Item No.4 (v), (vi) which may be furnished to the Financial Adviser, UGC, within 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000.

	<u>Revised Estimates</u> <u>For 2000-01</u>	<u>Budget Estimates</u> <u>for 2001-02</u>
(a) Salary component	Rs.2119.28 lac	Rs.2183.29 lac
(b) Non Sal.Component	Rs.1077.52 lac	Rs.1164.84 lac
TOTAL	Rs.3196.80 lac	Rs.3348.13 lac

Item No.5 Block Grant System (additional item).

The Committee was apprised that the University may agree to the adoption of Block Grant System and necessary follow-up action in this direction shall be taken up on receipt of reply in this regard from UGC with reference to the University's letter No.Fin.V/Espdr.statement/92/3025 dt.7.8.2000.

Item No.6 Compassionate appointment on Daily Wages (additional item)

The representative from MHRD apprised the Committee that there is no provision of Government of India for appointment of Casual workers on daily wage on Compassionate ground. The Committee, therefore resolved not to approve the proposal for any appointment of Casual workers on compassionate ground.

Item No.7 Purchase of vehicle(additional item).

The Committee noted the requirement of 2(two) additional new buses for Shillong Campus, 1(one) L.M.V. for Geography Department(replacement), 2(two) vehicles for Mizoram Campus (replacement). The Committee recommended that the University may send detailed proposal with full justification to the Commission separately for its consideration and allocation of additional fund for the purpose.

Item No.8 Any other item.

(a) Non Lapsable Pool Grant.

The Chairman apprised the members that an amount of Rs.774.00 lac has been sanctioned and received by the University for Project Works at Shillong Campus. The Chairman requested the representative from the MHRD and UGC to allocate additional fund for the Mizoram Campus.

(b) Hill Area Special Allowance.

In reply to the observation/query, the Chairman informed the Committee that communication has been received from the MHRD on the subject and the matter is being examined.

*The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chair.*

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( L Nampui )  
Ex-Officio Secretary  
& Finance Officer

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( M Miri )  
Chairman & Vice Chancellor  
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