

MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE  
23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2004, AT 6.00 P.M. AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF VICE  
CHANCELLOR'S BUNGALOW, NEHU, PERMANENT CAMPUS, SHILLONG.

**Members present: -**

1. Prof. Mrinal Miri, Vice Chancellor, NEHU	Chairman
2. Dr. T R Kem, Additional Secretary, UGC	Special Invitee
3. Prof. D T Khathing, Registrar, NEHU	Permanent Invitee
4. Shri D Sudhakaran, Dy. Secretary (Fin), MHRD	Member
5. Shri P S Chakraborty, Under Secretary, MHRD	Member
6. Prof. S S Khare, Pro Vice Chancellor, Tura Campus	Member
7. Prof. E D Thomas, Deptt. of Economics, NEHU	Member
8. Prof. R Lalthantluanga, Deptt. of Bio-Chem, NEHU	Member
9. Shri J. Lhungdim, IDAS, Finance Officer, NEHU	Ex-Officio-Secretary

Prof. Gautam Baruah, Director, IIT, Guwahati, who is a new member to the Finance Committee could not be present due to his pre-occupations.

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting. After formal introduction of the new members and the Permanent Invitee, the deliberations on the agenda items of the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting were initiated.

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the proceedings of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.10.03.

The Committee RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee, since no comments have been received from the members.

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

- (a) **Convening of Finance Committee:** The Committee noted the decision for convening the meeting of the Finance Committee twice in a financial year as per statutory requirement and desired that the same should be continued.
- (b) **Revised Estimate for 2003-04 & Budget Estimate for 2004-05 :** The Committee resolved that the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee for finalization of the Revised Estimates for 2004-05 and Budget Estimates for 2005-06 be convened tentatively in October/November, 2004.
- (c) **Supplementary proposals towards One Time Special Assistance :**
  - (i) **Purchase of land at Guwahati Air Port :-** The Chairman informed the Committee of the proposed Guest House to be set up by the University in the larger interest of the entire University Community of the North East at Guwahati Airport vis-à-vis the UGC's decision on the subject. The Committee after deliberation at length RESOLVED that the UGC may be approached again by giving proper justification of the case for its consideration. For this, Vice Chancellor may write to

- the Chairman, UGC, for use by all the Central Universities of the Region.
- (ii) **Replacement of Vehicle** : The Committee noted the same and recommended that the case-wise history of the Vehicle may be tabled positively in the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee.
  - (iii) **Shifting/Furnishing of Administrative Block** : The Chairman, on behalf of the University expressed his happiness to the UGC/MHRD in extending the financial support towards furnishing of the newly built Administrative Building. The Committee felt happy on the progress and utilization of the grant by the University.
  - (iv) **Interest on GPF** : The Chairman apprised the Committee of the financial crisis being faced by the University with regard to the liability on account of interest on GPF to the employees vis-à-vis the interest earned on investments. On this point, the Committee RESOLVED to entrust the Vice Chancellor of the University to write to the Secretary, UGC, giving full details on the case with justification.
  - (v) **Recoupment of fund under investment**: The Chairman apprised the Committee of the long outstanding plea of the University in replenishment of the loss suffered by the University. In this regard, the Committee RESOLVED to pursue the matter again with the UGC/MHRD. The Committee further RESOLVED that the Vice Chancellor of the University may write to the Secretary, MHRD, to this effect. The Committee, on realizing the gravity of the issue, RESOLVED that an Investment Committee be constituted by the University to look into the future investments of GPF/CPF of the University. The Investment Committee may have representatives of the NEHUTA & NEHUNSA, apart from the Competent Authority of the University.
  - (vi) **EPABX System**: The Committee felt happy and noted the action taken by the University.
  - (vii) **Repair/Maintenance including Electrical Works** : The Committee noted the action taken by the University and utilization of the grant sanctioned as one time special assistance.
  - (viii) **Shifting/Furnishing of Kendriya Vidyalaya Building** : The Committee noted the action taken by the University and utilization of the grant sanctioned as one time special assistance.
  - (ix) **Furnishing of Library Building**: Since the grant of Rs.18.00 Lac recommended in the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee towards Furnishing of Library Building is being included by UGC as One Time Special Assistance in the Budget Estimates for 2004-05 of the University, the Committee RESOLVED and advised the University to carry on with the program.
  - (x) **VSAT Facility for Tura Campus**: The Committee noted the action taken by the University Campus at Tura. The Pro Vice Chancellor, Tura Campus, who is also the member of the Finance Committee has informed the Committee that the newly installed VSAT facility requires to be enhanced/upgraded to accommodate more users in the wake of the increase in the number of students, teachers, etc. An amount of

Rs.10.60 Lac has been proposed for the enhancement of bandwidth connectivity. The Committee RESOLVED to submit the detailed proposal in the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee for further consideration.

- (xi) *Casual Employees*: The Committee discussed this item under the agenda "Items from the Chair".

Item No. 3 : To approve the audited Annual Accounts for the year 2002-03 and un audited Annual Accounts for the year 2003-04.

The Committee discussed at length the feasibility of adhering to the program set by the MHRD for submitting the Audit Report, etc. to the Parliament. The Committee felt that since the delay is due to late conduct of audit by the Statutory Auditor of the University, the Committee RESOLVED that the University, at Vice Chancellor's level may write to the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Meghalaya, to undertake the audit expeditiously. The Committee then approved the audited Annual Account for the year 2002-03 and the un-audited Annual Account for the year 2003-04.

Item No. 4 : One Time Special Assistance during the year 2004-05

- (1) **Special Repair and Maintenance of Building, Roads including electrification:**
- Civil Work** : The Committee approved an amount of Rs.101.05 Lac as One Time Special Assistance, which may be included by UGC while finalizing the Budget Estimate for 2004-05 .
  - Electrical (Internal)** : The Committee approved an amount of Rs.56.65 Lac as One Time Special Assistance, which may be included by UGC while finalizing the Budget Estimate for 2004-05 .
  - Electrical (External)** : The Committee RESOLVED to table the proposed estimate of Rs.46.42 Lac in the next meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration in the Revised Estimate for 2004-05.
  - Maintenance**: The Committee approved an amount of Rs.68.73 Lac as One Time Special Assistance, which may be included by UGC while finalizing the Budget Estimate for 2004-05.
- (2) **E-Governance NEHU Management System**: The Committee RESOLVED to table the proposed estimate of Rs.65.00 Lac in the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration in the Revised Estimate for 2004-05.
- (3) **Voice & Data Network** : The Committee RESOLVED to approve Rs.25.00 Lac for this purpose under One Time Special Assistance while finalizing the Budget Estimates for 2004-05.
- (4) **On line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), etc.** : The Committee RESOLVED to table the proposed estimate of Rs.40.05 Lac in the next meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration while finalizing the Revised Estimates for 2004-05.

Item No. 5 : Any other item from the Chair

- (1) **Creation of supernumerary posts**: The Chairman apprised the Committee of the issue pertaining to repatriation of the employees of NEHU consequent upon the

establishment of the Nagaland & Mizoram Universities. Since the University is required to accommodate the employees who opted for NEHU and on the basis of the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court.

- (i) The Committee RESOLVED that (a) in respect of teachers/employees to be repatriated from Mizoram Campus, required supernumerary posts be created as the same has the approval of the MHRD. The Committee also resolved that the financial requirement for maintenance of these teachers/employees be included in the Revised Estimates for 2004-05. (b) In respect of employees to be repatriated from Nagaland, the Committee, on the advice of the member representing the MHRD resolved that a detailed proposal indicating inter-alia the DOPT's guidelines on Casual employees be submitted to the MHRD.
- (2) **Condemnation of the Offset Printing Machine:** The Committee RESOLVED that the University may submit the proposal for Rs.20.00 Lac along-with the proper justification and copy of the quotation, etc. in the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration under One Time Special Assistance while finalizing the Revised Estimates for 2004-05.

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

Sd/-  
( J Lhungdim )  
Ex Officio Secretary  
And Finance Officer

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( Mrinal Miri )  
Chairman & Vice Chancellor