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To,

The Members,
Executive Council,
NEHU.

SUBJECT: 49th Minutes of the Executive Council

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith the Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 24th January, 1986, for favour of your information and Comments.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Registrar (Conf.)
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FORTY-NINTH
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 24th January, 1986.
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MINUTES OF THE FORTYNINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH, JANUARY, 1986.

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MINUTES OF THE FORTYNINTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The 49th meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday, the 24th January, 1986 at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Room, Horse-shoe Building, NEHU, Shillong.

PRESENT :

A list of members who participated in the meeting is appended as Appendix - I.

APOLOGY :

The letters of apology were received from the following members, who regretted their inability to attend the meeting.

- (1) Dr. S.B. Adaval.
- (2) Prof. R.P. Aiyar.
- (3) Smti M.R. Mawlong.

WELCOME :

The Chairman introduced to the Council the following two new members and welcomed them.

- (1) Dr S.N. Tiwari, Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, Medziphema, Nagaland.
- (2) Shri Vara, Principal, Champhai College, Champhai, Mizoram.

CONDOLENCE :

The Chairman made an obituary reference to Dr L.P. Vidyaerthi, an eminent Anthropologist and former member of the Executive Council of NEHU. The Council observed two minutes silence to condole his death and Resolved to send a suitable resolution to the bereaved family.

The Chairman explained the reasons for convening a regular meeting of the Executive Council, though 4th March, 1986 was fixed earlier for the meeting. Firstly, he desired to meet the members of the Executive Council before he left the University and secondly the unhappy developments in the School of Agricultural and Rural Development had to be discussed by the Council.

Item No. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE
48TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER, 1985.

EC:49:86:01: The minutes were confirmed as there
were no comments from the members.

Item No. 3 RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN BY
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR :

(i) Termination of services of Shri M.K.S.Nair,
Lecturer, Department of Economics, NEHU,
Shillong -

EC:49:86:03(i) The Council ratified the action taken by the
Vice-Chancellor and Shri M.K.S. Nair, Lecturer in Economics
was deemed to have vacated his post in the University with
effect from 16.8.85 for his unauthorised absence without
intimation.

(ii) Grant of Advance increments to Dr V.S.V.
Prasad, Medical Officer, NEHU -

EC:49:86:03(ii) The Council ratified the action taken by the
Vice-Chancellor in fixing the pay of Dr V.S.V. Prasad, Medical
Officer, NEHU, at Rs.780/- with effect from 2.9.85, the date of
his joining the University taking into consideration his past
services.

(iii) Services of Shri Chesterfield Khongwir,
Lecturer, St. Edmund's College as a
Visiting Fellow in the Centre for
Literary and Cultural Studies, NEHU. -

EC:49:86:03(iii) The Council ratified the action taken by the
Vice-Chancellor appointing Shri Chesterfield Khongwir as a
Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies,
NEHU for a period of one year from the date of his joining on
his own grade pay plus other allowances admissible to teachers
stationed at Shillong.

- (iv) Appointment of Shri R. Hynniewta as Special Officer (Personnel & Administrative Reforms) on contract basis -

EC:49:86:03 (iv): The Council ratified the appointment of Shri R. Hynniewta, retired Deputy Secretary (P&AR), Government of Meghalaya as Special Officer (Personnel and Administrative Reforms) in the University on Contract basis for a period of two years with effect from 2.12.85 on a fixed pay as was last drawn by him plus other allowances.

- (v) Appointment of Prof. B.K. Quanango, retired Professor of Banaras Hindu University in NEHU, History Department -

EC:49:86:00 (v): The Council ratified the action taken in offering the post of Professor in the Department of History to Prof. B.K. Quanango of Banaras Hindu University on contract basis for a period of two years considering the urgent need to have a teacher with specialisation in Western History. The Council noted the recommendation of the Faculty Meeting of the Department of History in this regard. Prof. Quanango is to be appointed against one of the available floating posts or other vacancies in the University as per rules already adopted by the E.C.

- (vi) Proposed Centre of C.I.E.F.L., at the University Permanent Campus -

EC:49:86:03 (vi): The Council considered the request of the C.I.E.F.L., Shillong for allocation of a plot of land measuring five acres in the Permanent Campus but felt that the allocation of land separately for the Institute will not be in consonance with the University's Master Plan. The Council, however, agreed to the construction of one wing in the Social Science Complex within the overall design approved by the University architect for which the funds may be provided by the CIEFL. Further the Council approved that one wing of the hostel may be constructed in the hostel complex of the University and that staff quarters may be constructed in the staff quarters complex.

- (vii) Grant of Extension of Study Leave to Dr P.M. Reddy, Department of Botany -

EC:49:86:03 (vii): The Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in granting extension of Study Leave for a period of four months to Dr P.M. Reddy, Lecturer in Botany with effect from 16th February, 1986.

- (viii) Grant of Study Leave to Shri R.K. Thapa,
Lecturer, Pachhunga University College,
Aizawl -

EC:49:86:03(viii): The Council ratified the grant of Study Leave for one year to Shri R.K. Thapa, Lecturer, Pachhunga University College, Aizawl from 1st March, 1986 to enable him to take up research for Ph.D. in the University of Gauhati.

- (ix) UGC Visiting Professor. English Department-
case of Prof. M.V. Rama Sharma, English
Department, Tirupati -

EC:49:86:03(ix): The Council Resolved to ratify the offer of Visiting Professorship in the Department of English to Prof. M.V. Rama Sharma, a renowned scholar of English and former V.C., for a term of one year from the date of his joining.

Item No.6 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS :

6:1 - Selection Committee -

- (i) Approval of the recommendation of the
Selection Committee -

EC:49:86:06(i): Before consideration of the recommendations of the Selection Committee the Council decided, as a matter of principle, assessment of work of a teacher in the College, including his contribution to the Institution, will be the basis for considering the case of a teacher for promotion under the Merit Promotion Scheme. The assessment of work of a teacher will, inter-alia, include the results of the students in his classes. While acquiring a Ph.D. degree is the minimum condition to be eligible for Merit Promotion Scheme, his suitability and his performance should be taken into account.

The Council Resolved that a Committee may be constituted to frame rules in the light of above decision.

As regards the designation of posts of teachers in the College, the Council Resolved to adopt the designations prevalent in the Colleges under the University of Delhi. Consequently, teachers promoted from the post of Lecturer may be designated as Senior Lecturer instead of the designation of Reader, as the qualifications and mode of recruitment of Readers in the University and Senior Lecturers in the Colleges are different.

The Council thereafter considered the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Senior Lecturer under the Merit Promotion Scheme and Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee for appointment of the following candidates. The promotion will be effective from the date on which a teacher becomes eligible on completion of eight years of continuous service or the date on which a teacher obtains Ph.D. or the date on which the Merit Promotion Scheme has been made effective by the University, whichever is later.

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| A. Zoology | - (i) Senior Lecturer | - Shri C.Thanthianga |
| B. History | - (i) Senior Lecturer | - Shri John Vanlal Hluna |
| C. Education | - (i) Senior Lecturer | - Dr S. Hom Choudhuri |

The Council noted that none was found suitable by the Selection Committee for appointment to the post of Senior Lecturer in English under the Merit Promotion Scheme.

The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to make appointment to the post of Senior Lecturer in Physics under the Merit Promotion Scheme if a suitable candidate is found by the Selection Committee at the interview to be conducted in the afternoon, that is on 24.1.86.

6:2 - Appointment/Creation-upgradation of posts/
Confirmation/Extension/Option/Transfer/
Resignation/Release/Termination -

- (i) Representation of Dr A.G.George regularisation of his service -

EC:49:86:06:2(i): The Council considered the representation of Dr A.G. George to treat the period from 12.4.82 to 4.3.84 as on Sabbatical Leave. On careful consideration, the Council regretted its inability to accede to his request as he was not on the roll of the University during that period after the resignation from 12.4.82 at his own instance. The Council, however, Resolved to extend the term of his contract appointment for a further period of one year from 4.3.86. He may also be given the benefits as would be admissible to teachers having a contract of three years without break.

(i) 6:3 - Leave/Deputation -

Deputation on Foreign Service-Extension of Deputation beyond 9.2.86 for another one year in respect of Dr M.R.Santhanam, Professor of Educational Technology -

EC:49:86:06:3(i):The Council considered the request of Dr M.R. Santhanam, Professor of Educational Technology, Mizoram Campus, for extension of his term of deputation and Resolved to extend the term for one more year with effect from 9.2.86 under the same terms and conditions.

6:5 - Library -

(i) Payment of 25% Special Duty Allowance and other facilities to Library Staff -

EC:49:86:06:5(i):The Council after careful consideration, Resolved to refer to the University Grants Commission the matter of payment of 25% Special Duty Allowance to the Library Staff for consideration. The Council, however, Resolved that 25% Special Duty Allowance and house facilities may be extended to officers of the level of Assistant Librarian to such persons who may be assigned teaching duties and given a teaching-cum-administrative designation and information Science.

6:6 - Service Condition/Financial and Other Benefits -

(i) Provision of Unfurnished Accommodation to the Registrar and other Statutory Officers -

EC:49:86:06:6(i):The Council Resolved that the Plinth Area of the building permissible to Professors of the University as may be prescribed by UGC from time to time, shall be admissible to the Statutory Officers.

The Council further Resolved that the rent for the building limited to the area admissible may be fixed as per the assessment made by the University Engineer or the State Government.

Item No. 8 ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

(i) Incorporation of post of Manager, NEHU Book Co-operative Society within the cadre of Administrative post -

EC:49:86:08(i): The Council Resolved that the Manager of the NEHU Book Co-operative Society shall be under the Publication Cell of the University and he shall be drawn from the regular cadre of the University of the rank of Senior Assistant or above according to the suitability of the person and the size of operation in the Co-operative Society. This is in the interest of the University and will enable to get the person experience and knowledge of office work including accounts etc. The other staff of the Society will not, however, be in the service of the University and they will be under the management of the Society.

(ii) Consideration of the D.O. letter No.8-27/85-Desk (U) dated 27.12.85 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India on the termination of services of Prof.T.Mathew and Dr A.Banerjee -

EC:49:86:08(ii): The D.O.letter No.8-27/85-Desk (U) dated 27.12.85 received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India was tabled before the Executive Council. The Council observed that the action was taken in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances of the University in the matter of proceedings drawn up against Prof. T. Mathew and DrA. Banerjee. As the matter has been amicably settled, no further consideration was felt necessary. In fact, the open letter does not deserve notice as it was anonymous, though purported to have been written by NEHU teachers. The open letter, which has been the basis of the case has been condemned by the NEHU Teachers' Association.

(iii) The Chairman informed that one Professor of Geology of Banaras Hindu University has shown interest to come to NEHU on assignment for two/three years and that the teacher has been invited to come for discussion.

 The Council Resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take a decision after personal discussion.

(vi) The Chairman informed the Council that the University is starting post-graduate classes in Horticulture in the SASRD and the Department needs strengthening. He further stated that one Dr. Rendisosang, Joint Director of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland has indicated his willingness to come to NEHU on deputation. The Council Resolved that Dr Rendisosang may be appointed as a Visiting Fellow for a period of two years as per the rules adopted by the University. He may be given 20% deputation allowance besides other facilities available to teachers in view of the fact that he would be having a number of other advantages due to an administrative officer.

(v) The Chairman apprised the Council of the inability of the University to find a suitable person to fill the post of Professor in the Department of Anthropology. He added that Prof. B.N. Saraswati has been a Visiting Professor of the University for two years. The Chairman was personally satisfied with his performance and according to some other experts in the field whom the Chairman had consulted, he was suitable for the post. The Council after careful and detailed consideration, Resolved that Prof. Saraswati, who is a noted academician in Anthropology may be appointed as Professor in the Department of Anthropology under Statute 21.

The Chairman informed the Council that many important projects are being taken up in Geography Department. At this juncture the services of Prof. Dayal will be of great value. The Council Resolved that the term of appointment of Prof. Dayal in the Department of Geography may be extended upto the end of 1986.

(vi) The Council also considered the case of Shri M.C. Gabriel, Director of Publication and Resolved that his term of appointment may be extended for a period of one year on expiry of his present term.

(vii) The Council was ^{also} apprised of the difficulty in finding a suitable person for appointment to the post of Lecturer in Extension in the College of Agriculture and that Dr B. Parasar, who worked earlier in the College for about three years had shown interest to come back and serve in the College. The Council after careful consideration, Resolved to offer a contract appointment for two years during which period Dr B. Parasar may apply for the post for a regular appointment.

(viii) The draft Ordinance on 'Development and Social Change Lecture Series' was placed before the Council. As it will be the first Ordinance, the Council Resolved that the Ordinance may be finalised by the Vice-Chancellor.

(ix) Restoration of seniority and other benefits in the cadre of Section Officer in respect of Shri J.M.S Khongwir -

EC:49:86:08(ix): The request of Shri J.M.S.Khongwir, Section Officer for restoration of his seniority and other benefits in the cadre was considered by the Council and on careful consideration Resolved that his seniority may be restored in the cadre of Section Officer, though promoted from a later date. The Council further Resolved that no financial benefit will be available to him retrospectively.

(x) Incident in the College of Agriculture, Medziphema, Nagaland -

The Chairman briefly narrated the incident occurred in the College of Agriculture, Medziphema. He explained (a) how an ultimatum was served to Dr J. Singh, Reader in Agricultural Engineering to quit Nagaland on the allegation that he had been indulging in anti-Naga activities and insulting the Nagas ; (b) the manner in which about 100/150 people transgressed into the College Campus; (c) the details of negotiations and discussions, including with the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary of the State of Nagaland; (d) the substance of his statements to the effect that the University will not function under duress and that action on the employees will be taken only by the University authorities and finally; (e) withdrawal of the ultimatum by the Youth Organisation of Medziphema and shifting of Dr Singh and his family from the College Campus to Shillong. (The details of the incident have been recorded in the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Local Executive Council).

The Chairman raised a note of caution that some teachers or other employees of the College may have been involved in this incident. He pointed out that no act or behaviour of

Dr Singh outside the College was cited in the allegations and that the students or the local people would not have waited for long six months to settle allegations, if any. But here an outside organisation came out with an ultimatum. Apparently, some faction within the College must have provided the cause of action for this incident spear-headed by an outside organisation. He drew the attention of the Council to the fact that bringing in outside organisations to redress the grievances in the College was a most reprehensible act and any such attempt should be dealt with a firm hand. He emphasised that the black-sheep who are jeopardising the interests of the College should be identified who have no place in the Institution.

The matter was then discussed by the Council and the Council requested the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland Campus and the Principal, College of Agriculture to identify those who were guilty in order to break the undesirable links and put a stop to such incidents occurring in the future.

The Council Resolved that for the present an informal enquiry may be started and Dr Singh may be asked to give his comments on the allegations levelled against him. The Council further Resolved to authorise the Vice-Chancellor to take such action as he may deem fit to cleanse the College and restore complete normalcy and harmony therein.

(xi) The Chairman apprised the Council that a decision was earlier taken to set up, under the Sixth Plan, a Centre for Rural Development but that it could not be implemented as the Government of Nagaland did not provide land for the purpose. The Council considered the issue and Resolved that a beginning may be made at Medziphema, even if an acre of land is given by the local people. It was further Resolved that one unit each of the Centre may be located at Shillong and Aizawl. It was also noted that there are vacant faculty positions which may be used for establishing the Centre and the Units. Dr J. Singh may be posted to the Unit at Shillong until further order. He may organise Correspondence Courses in Agriculture, Dr M.P. Bhande, Professor of Rural Development and Planning could be the head at the Medziphema Centre. Dr J. Singh will be in charge of the Unit at Shillong. However, he will be under the administrative control of the Department of Geography. Another from the College of Agriculture may be posted to Aizawl which will function under the administrative control of Economics Department.

Farewell to Vice-Chancellor.

On conclusion of the transaction of business of the Executive Council, Dr B.D.Sharma, Chairman, expressed his gratefulness to the Members of the Council for extending all co-operation to him in the discharge of his official functions during his term of office. He recounted the achievements made by the University by referring among others to the University Library, R.S.I.C., procurement of a Computer, construction of the permanent campus at Shillong, sanction by U.G.C. of 50 houses with 200 seat hostel for Fachhunge University College, Aizawl and the decision to construct one hostel at the Science College at Kohima. He wished that NEHU should become a centre of excellence and assured his interest and co-operation for the development and progress of the University.

Dr C.L. Anand, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Shillong, Dr D.F. Singh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram Campus, Aizawl and Dr S.K.Das, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland Campus, Kohima, on behalf of the Council and the University, thanked Dr B.D.Sharma for his valuable and devoted services rendered to the University and for raising the position and standard of the University in the country from the situation it was in at the time he assumed the office of Vice-Chancellor. They also expressed gratitude to him for giving the University a new direction with his able and dynamic leadership.


Interim Arrangements

The members of the Council expressed their desire that Dr B.D. Sharma may hand over the Charge of the University to a regularly appointed V.C. only. They recalled the unhappy situation of the earlier years which had to be avoided at all cost. They further urged that if Dr Sharma could not postpone his departure he may continue to hold the charge of the University notwithstanding the new assignment till such time as the new Vice-Chancellor is appointed and the charge is given to him. This was Resolved unanimously by all the members and the Chairman promised to do his best to honour their wish.

Dr B.D. Sharma expressed his thanks to all the members of the Council for their kind wishes and support during his tenure of office.

Dr B.B. Sharma thereafter formally bade farewell to all members of the Executive Council.

Sd/-
{ B.D. Sharma)
Chairman.


(H.W.T. Syiem)
Secretary

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Annexure-I

LIST OF MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 49TH MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

1. Dr. B.D.Sharma,
Vice-Chancellor.
2. C.L.Anand,
Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. A.M.Marbaniang
4. S.N.Tiwari
5. S.K.Das
6. T.S.B. Narasaraju
7. Vara
8. Hranthanga
9. K. Borgohain
10. D.P.Singh
11. H.W.T.Syiem
12. D.C.Pant.