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Item No:7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7:1 Finance Committee

(i) Minutes of the Finance Committee

The Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19th February'1999 at Aizawl are placed at Annexure 'A' for consideration of the Council.

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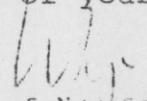
April 08, 1999

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Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
Department of Education, Shastri Bhavan,  
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2. Shri G.D.Sharma,  
Secretary,  
University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi - 110 002.
3. Shri Sudhira Nath,  
Financial Adviser,  
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4. Prof. R. Lalhantluanga,  
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Mizoram Campus, NEHU,  
Aizawl.
5. Director,  
Higher & Technical Education,  
Govt of Mizoram, Aizawl.
6. Shri C.Wolflang,  
Director,  
Higher & Technical Education,  
Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. Prof. A.L.Verma,  
Department of Physics, NEHU, Shillong.

Subject : Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Finance  
Committee.

Sir,

I am to forward herewith the minutes of the 40th  
meeting of the Finance Committee of the University, which  
was held on 19-02-1999 at Aizawl, for favour of your kind  
persual and comments, if any.

  
Yours faithfully,

Copy to :-

Finance Officer

1. Dr. R.K.Chauhan, Jt. Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar  
Marg, New Delhi- 110 002.
2. Shri Lalmalsawma, Director, (University & Higher Education),  
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhavan,  
New Delhi - 110 001.
3. Shri Biaksanga, Jt. Director, Higher & Technical Education,  
Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl.
4. P.S. to Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shg.

5. Pro- Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong.
6. Pro- Vice-Chancellor, Tura Campus, NEHU, Tura.
7. SPA to Registrar/Finance Officer, NEHU, Shillong.
8. Deputy Registrar(Conference) NEHU, Shillong, 20(twenty) copies of the minutes are enclosed herewith with a request to place the same before the Executive Council. in the next ensuing meeting.

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NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY  
SHILLONG

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
19TH FEBRUARY, 1999, AT MIZORAM CAMPUS, NEHU : AIZAWL.

Members present :-

1. Prof. B Pakem,  
Vice Chancellor, Chairman  
NEHU, Shillong.
2. Prof. R Lalthantluanga,  
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Member  
Mizoram Campus, NEHU,  
Aizawl.
3. Dr. R K Chauhan,  
Joint Secretary, J.G.C., Member  
New Delhi.
4. Mr. Lalmalsawma,  
Director (Univ. & Higher Education), Member  
Ministry of Human Resource Dev.,  
(Deptt. of Education),  
New Delhi.
5. Mr. Biaksanga,  
Joint Director, Member  
Higher & Technical Education,  
Govt. of Mizoram,  
Aizawl.
6. Mr. L Nampui,  
Finance Officer, NEHU, Ex-Officio  
Shillong. Secretary

At the very outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Finance Committee especially Mr. Lalmalsawma, Director (USHE), MHRD & Mr. R. Chauhan, Jt. Secretary, UGC, who had come all the way from New Delhi to Aizawl to attend the 40th Meeting of the Finance Committee of the University. The Chairman also welcomed Mr. Biaksanga, Jt. Director, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram, for attending the Meeting on behalf of the Director who was on that day out of station.

Item No.1 : Since no comments were received by the University on the minutes of the 39th Meeting which were circulated to the members of the Finance Committee vide letter No.FA-2/39th/FC Minutes/98/3215 dt.21.10.98, the Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5th October, 1998.

Item No.2 : Reporting items on the action taken on the resolutions arrived at the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee.

- (1) As far as the rate of diet charges to Sports person is concerned, the Committee directed the Finance Department to write to Sports Authority of India with correct address and also to write separately to the Central Universities to intimate the rate paid by them to Sports person.
- (2) While reviewing the approved Revised Estimates 1998-99, which the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee fixed at Rs.2302.35 lakhs as against which the Commission has sanctioned and released Rs.1788.10 lakhs only, the Director, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education), informed the Committee that Rs.1009.00 crores for 1998-99 under Non Plan have been sanctioned by the Ministry to the UGC for disbursing to the Central Universities, etc. The Joint Secretary, UGC, assured that the remaining amount of (Rs.2302.35 lakhs - Rs.1788.10 Lakhs) Rs.514.25 lakhs would be looked into by the Commission. In this connection, the Director of MHRD highlighted the Government of India's policies regarding the funding pattern to Central Universities/ the Autonomous Bodies in which the Govt. of India could provide fund to the extent of 80% only whereas the balance of 20% is to be generated by the Universities concerned. Apart from this, the Director also informed that as per MHRD's norms the Revised Estimates 1998-99 may be worked out on the basis of actual expenditure during the last year and the trend of expenditure for a couple of previous years and not the basis of Budget Estimates 1998-99. The Budget Estimates for 1999-2000 should be fixed with 3% increase on salary components and 8% on non salary components finalised for Revised Estimates 1998-99. The Chairman, however, informed the members of the Committee the difficulties and obstacles that the University has been facing in raising income from outside sources and therefore greatly stressed the members from the Ministry & UGC not to impose any cut as far as Maintenance Grant is concerned.

- (3) The Chairman reminded the members of the Committee that the Ministry is yet to reimburse the amount of Rs.240.00 lakhs which the University had borrowed from Plan grant to meet the committed liabilities under Non Plan during 1997-98. The Director, MHRD, assured the members that the matter in question will be looked into by him personally. The Committee, therefore resolved that the Ministry be moved to expedite reimbursement of the aforesaid amount without further delay.

Item No.3: In response to the request made by the University for release of the balance amount of Rs.304.90 lacs in addition to Rs.291.43 lacs towards payment of arrears to the teachers, the Joint Secretary, UGC, informed the members that Rs.94.00 lakhs (approx) only has been sanctioned by the UGC since the Commission has worked out the arrears upto the month of July, 1998, and not upto January, 1999, as worked out by the University and the expenditure on this account w.e.f. August, 1998, has to be met out of Normal Maintenance Grant. Joining the discussion, the Director, MHRD, clarified that there is an approximate increase of 40% on salary components due to revision of pay.

Item No. 4 : The Chairman expressed his unhappiness to the members about the delay of the UGC for sanctioning of the arrear amount of Rs.35.00 lakhs for payment to the Casual employees in which the Commission itself has called for the information on this account vide letter No.F.31-12/97(CU) dt.5.12.98. The Joint Secretary, UGC, assured the members that the matter will be expedited in consultation with MHRD as early as possible.

Item No.5 : With regard to the Budget Estimates 1999-2000 the position has been clarified at the reporting item No.2, Sl.No.P(2) in which the same should be fixed at 3% increase on salary components and 8% increase on Non Salary components finalised for Revised Estimates 1998-99.

Item No.6 : Additional Item from the Chair.

Regarding the jumbo size numbers of the Casual employees engaged by the University as pointed out by the Ministry, the Chairman has assured the members in the 39th meeting of the Finance Committee that necessary steps will be taken to reduce the number of daily wage employees to the maximum extent. Pursuance to the assurance given by the Chairman, a Committee was constituted to explore the possibilities of streamlining the

deployment of existing Casual employees and to reduce their engagement to the extent possible hereafter. In this connection, the Committee resolved that engagement of Casual (daily wage) employees for 89 days on rotation basis should be done away with immediately.

Secondly, regarding the criteria for posting of Peons to each Section and also for attaching a Peon to each officer of the rank of Assistant Registrar and above, the Joint Secretary informed the members that in UGC's office one peon is attached to the Joint Secretaries and so on. The Chairman then requested the Finance Officer who was the member of the Committee to justify the ground on which the Committee has recommended the criteria of deploying the Casual employees/ Grade-IV employees in the University Departments. The Finance Officer explained the problems which the University is facing due to location of its offices and Departments of the University in different parts of the city. However, the Committee resolved that the University should await the decision of the University Grants Commission after its consultation with the Government of India.

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

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( L Nampui )  
Finance Officer &  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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( B Pakem )  
Chairman &  
Vice Chancellor

Committee appointed by the Academic Council. The Committee may also look into other matters like enhancement of allowances specific to NEHU.

**(iii) Panel of Experts for the various Selection Committees for recruitment of teachers.**

EC:101:99:6:6: (iii): The Council considered the Panel of Experts for the Department of Sociology for Selection Committee for recruitment of teachers and RESOLVED to approve the same.

**6:7- Others.**

**(i) Minutes of the Medical Management Committee.**

EC:101:99:6:7: (i): The Council considered the recommendations of the Medical Management Committee and RESOLVED that (i) The Holy Cross Hospital at Tura be recognised for Outpatient and Inpatient treatment of NEHU employees and their dependants. (ii) Setting-up of a Laboratory for the Health Centre is approved subject to availability of space and administrative feasibility.

**Item No.7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**7:1- Finance Committee.**

**(i) Minutes of the Finance Committee.**

EC:101:99:7:1: (i) : The Council considered the Minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee and RESOLVED as follows:

1. The statement at Clause 7 (b) on assets and liabilities be acted upon.
2. Record the Council's appreciation for timely payment of the Vth Pay Revision arrears to teachers within the stipulated date.
3. The Committee appointed earlier for rationalisation of Maintenance Grant to Departments / Centres to expedite its recommendations.