

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

MINUTES OF THE 84th MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON 6TH AUGUST 2022

The Eighty fourth Meeting of the Executive Council was held on 6th August 2022 at 11.30 a.m. at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, 12 L.B. Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 106.

The following members were physically present in the meeting:

- 1) Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
- 2) Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge Supreme Court of India
- 3) Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Judge, High Court of Calcutta
- 4) Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashim Kumar Roy, Former Judge, High Court of Calcutta
- 5) Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya, Chair Professor Sir Asutosh Mookherjee Chair, WBNUJS
- 6) Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur
- 7) Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam
- 8) Shri. Pradip Kumar Panja, Secretary, Dept, of Law, Government of West Bengal
- 9) Shri Manish Jain, Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Dept. of Higher Education
- 10) Prof. (Dr.) Sreenivasulu N.S., Professor of Law, WBNUJS, Kolkata
- 11) Ms. Sampa Karmakar Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, WBNUJS, Kolkata
- 12) Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha, Assistant Professor of Law, WBNUJS, Kolkata



The following members were present through video conferencing:

- 1) Prof. Uttam Kumar Sarkar

The following members were absent from the meeting due to prior engagement:

- 2) Shri Moloy Ghatak, Minister –in-Charge, Law & Judicial Dept., Govt. of West Bengal
- 3) Shri Sandipan Ganguly, Senior Advocate, High Court at Calcutta
- 4) Shri Soumendra Nath Mookherjee, Advocate General, High Court at Calcutta
- 5) The Principal Secretary, Finance Dept., Govt. of West Bengal
- 6) Prof. Anupa Guha Majumdar, Professor

Smt. Sikha Sen, Registrar (Acting) & Secretary was also present in the meeting.



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**Minutes of the 84th Meeting of the Executive Council held on
6th August 2022**

Sl. No	Agenda Item	Resolution	Remarks
1.	Minutes of the 83 rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25 th June in virtual mode.	<p>The Minutes of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25th June 2022 are placed before the Executive Council for kind perusal and confirmation respectively.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The minutes of the 83rd Executive Council held on 25th June 2022 is approved.</p>	

ACTION TAKEN REPORT / DEFERRED ITEMS

2.	Filling up of the vacant posts of the University (Teaching & Non-	<p>This has reference to the Agenda Item No. 2 of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council Meeting held on 25/6/2022 where selection of various posts were approved and as per Resolution of the same the following actions has been taken :</p> <p>1. Mr. Tanurup Das has been appointed as</p>	
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Teaching)	<p>Assistant Professor in Cyber Forensics and joined on 11/07/2022 (Annexure 2A)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mr. Debabrata Barik has been issued appointment letter as Accountant of the University on 05/07/2022. 3. Re-advertisement for the post of Teaching Assistant in Linguistics will be readvertised wherein the Guest Faculty be redesignated as Teaching Assistant with a remuneration of Rs. 50000/- will be done shortly. 4. Interview for the post of Teaching Assistant, both internal and external has been complied and the same was held on 14/07/2022. A Selection Committee for the said purpose was also constituted with the following members where the Vice Chancellor was the Chairman of the said Committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Prof. N. K. Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS as Chairman ii) Prof. Jayanta Saha, Head & Professor, Dept. of Law, Bankura University, West Bengal iii) Prof. Shachi Chakraborty, Professor of Law, Calcutta University. iv) Prof. Sanjeev Tiwari, Head, Department of Law, Burdwan University. <p>The recommendations of the said Committee will be placed in a sealed envelope on table.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal, information and directions on 4 above.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p>	
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		<p>The Executive Council resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Committee regarding appointment of 10 (Ten) Teaching Assistants including a panel are approved.</p> <p>The name recommended</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Somabha Bandopadhyay 2. Dr. Mouri Ghosh 3. Ms. Anwasha Pal 4. Mr. Sonam Basu 5. Ms. Ruchika Ghose 6. Dr. Ruma Mukherjee 7. Dr. Jyotirmoy Adhikari 8. Dr. Jawaharlal Bhattacharjee 9. Dr. Pranabesh Sarkar 10. Ms. Deblina Gangopadhyay <p>The Registrar is directed to issue appointment letter as per above decision of the Executive Council following University Act and Regulations.</p>	
3	Communication of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Council to	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 where the Council directed to clear the dues by 02/07/2022 keeping in mind the service period of Dr. Mukhopadhyay.</p> <p>This is to inform that the above has been complied with and all dues as per University Regulations have</p>	

	former Registrar Dr. Surajit Chandra Mukhopadhyay	<p>been communicated to him for acceptance.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for information.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Noted.</p>																			
4	Proposal to Release of Advertisement for Regular appointment for the post of Registrar and preparation of Panel of Experts	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 regarding appointment of Registrar (Agenda Item No. 6).</p> <p>As per directions of the Hon'ble Council the Advertisement for the post of Registrar has been published in the popular news dailies of Bengal as per the following :</p> <table><tr><th>Sr. No.</th><th>Name of the News Daily</th><th>Publishing Date</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Anandabazar Patrika</td><td>12/07/2022</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Bartaman</td><td>12/07/2022</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Times Ascent</td><td>13/07/2022</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Ei Somoy</td><td>14/07/2022</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Karmakhetra</td><td>20/07/2022</td></tr></table> <p>The matter was also published in the University Website on 11/07/2022. The last date of submission of filled up Application is fixed as 10/08/2022.</p> <p>Now it is required to prepare a Panel of Experts as per provisions of Rule 8(11) of Regulations made under Section 13 of W.B. National University of Juridical</p>	Sr. No.	Name of the News Daily	Publishing Date	1	Anandabazar Patrika	12/07/2022	2	Bartaman	12/07/2022	3	Times Ascent	13/07/2022	4	Ei Somoy	14/07/2022	5	Karmakhetra	20/07/2022	
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		<p>Science Act 1999. The said provision runs as in Annexure 4G.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and directions.</p>	
		<p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The action taken is approved a panel of experts is recommended as follows :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Vice-Chancellor (I/c), Registrar, NALSAR.2. Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director, IEST, Shibpur3. Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University4. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Delhi5. Prof. G.S. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, RGNLU, Patiala6. Prof. Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee, Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University <p>The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is requested to take necessary action for regular appointment for the post of Registrar.</p>	

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5	<p>To consider and approve the Budget and initial expenditure for vertical extension of Academic Building approved in the General Council and recommended by the Finance Committee in its meeting dated 17/06/2022</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 (Agenda Item No. 7) where the proposal of vertical extension of Academic Building and a New Hostel Building was discussed and the Council directed to defer the matter till the next offline meeting. The Vice Chancellor was requested to submit a detailed note on the Expenditure to be borne from the Core Fund or Development Fund of the University. The Department of Law, Government of West Bengal be communicated regarding utilizing the recurring grant for this purpose.</p> <p>Accordingly, a detailed note on the Expenditure to be borne from the Corpus Fund of the University has been put up as Annexure 5A. The Law Department, Government of West Bengal has issued a 'No-objection' letter to use University fund for the proposed vertical extension of the Academic Building (Annexure 5B).</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and direction.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>In pursuance of the Finance Committee recommendation dated 3rd August, 2022 and detailed discussion it was resolved that vertical extension of the 4th and 5th Floor of the Academic Building with an expenditure of Rs. 17,85,74,285/- is hereby accorded administrative approval to start the construction work by PWD, West Bengal. The work order may be issued to PWD, West Bengal and first installment of Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores) and subsequent</p>	
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		<p>release of fund be paid from CLKCC deposit Fund of the University.</p> <p>Further resolved that Govt. of West Bengal again be pursued to release the entire expenditure for the aforesaid vertical extension from its subsequent budgets.</p>	
6	<p>To consider applications of contractual staff and Library for engagement under Government of West Bengal</p> <p>Memo No. 1033-F(P2) dated 08/02/2019</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 (Agenda Item No. 8) where the Executive Council directed the Registrar to collect the documents, supporting papers and declarations from the candidates. The Vice Chancellor was directed to place the recommended the names after screening by a Committee to be constituted as per the regulations.</p> <p>An interview for the above candidates was held constituting a Selection Committee.</p> <p>The Selection Committee was constituted with the following Members :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. N. K. Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS 2. Smt. Sikha Sen, Registrar (Acting), WBNUJS 3. Deputy Librarian, Jadavpur University <p>The recommended the names will be placed on table for kind perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The recommendation of the Selection Committee in respect of contractual/causal staff in Library for</p>	

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		<p>engagement under Government of West Bengal Memo No. 1033-F(P2) dated 08/02/2019 is approved .</p> <p>Following are the recommended names</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Shyam Sundar Roy 2. Mr. Avijit Naskar 3. Mr. Miraj Ali 4. Mr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh <p>The Registrar is requested to take necessary undertakings from the aforesaid persons that their service will be governed by the said notification and any subsequent modifications. They are also to be informed that they will be engaged in the Library and they may be engaged in any time within 24 hrs. of the library timings.</p>	
7	<p>Proposal to invite the Treasurer, namely Mr. Ratnanko Banerji, Sr. Advocate, Calcutta High Court as special invitee of the Executive Council</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 07/05/2022 where it was mentioned that Mr. Banerji, Treasurer, WBNUJS is appointed by the General Council in its meeting dated 14th July 2021. Since then he is serving as the Treasurer of the University and is presiding the Meetings of the Finance Committee as per WBNUJS Act.</p> <p>It is proposed that he may be invited as a special invitee to the Executive Council to offer his views for taking decisions where financial involvement is to be considered.</p> <p>In previous occasions also when the Treasurer was not</p>	

		<p>a member of the Executive Council, the Executive Council took a resolution that Treasurer should be called in the Meeting of the Executive Council as a Special Invitee of the Executive Council. The said Executive Council meeting dated 07/05/2022 deferred the matter till the next meeting.</p> <p>Accordingly, the same was put up for directions.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Resolved that whenever Financial matters required to be ratified or clarification needed the Treasurer may be requested to be present in the meeting as Invitee.</p>	
8	<p>To discuss on the Order of the Hon'ble High Court regarding Online Courses</p>	<p>The matter arises from the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 (Agenda Item No. 13) where the 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council has been ratified where the activities pertaining to the Distance Education & Online Courses were put on status quo except those which are purely University initiatives.</p> <p>Accordingly Notice was issued in the University Website for closure of such Courses dated 27/06/2018.</p> <p>In this regard the University received a prayer recently from the University appointed Lawyer, Mr. Pappu Adhikari (email dated 15/06/2022) regarding an Order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta namely MAT 479 of 2019 Vs. West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences & Ors. With MAT 492 of 2019 Ruchira Mitra & Ors. Vs. State of West</p>	




		<p>Bengal & Ors. for our perusal and necessary action.</p> <p>The Executive Council directed the matter to be placed in the next offline meeting with papers. Registrar was requested to place a detailed note and relevant papers on the issues such as the number of students, number of courses and the relevant course in which the Appellant was also a student.</p> <p>Accordingly, the detailed note of the Registrar is placed as Annexure.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for perusal and directions.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>It is resolved that the Secretary, University Grants Commission be informed that WBNUJS is going to implement the order of the High Court dated 13/06/2022 (MAT 479/2019) as no order of stay is passed by any appellate forum.</p> <p>The Registrar is requested to take necessary steps to implement the aforesaid order.</p>	
9	List of Certificate and Diploma Courses run by the University	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 (Agenda Item No. 13) where the Vice Chancellor has been directed to submit a list of Certificate and Diploma Courses which were run exclusively by the University and may be restarted from the next academic year.</p> <p>Following are the Diploma / Certificate Courses proposed to be selected in this Academic Year : -</p> <p>1) Certificate Course on Surveyors for Lawyers in</p>	

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collaboration with IEST, Shibpur, West Bengal

- 2) Certificate Course on Cyber Crime & Cyber Forensic for Public Prosecutors and Advocates in collaboration with Department of Law, Government of West Bengal
- 3) Certificate Course on Data Protection and Security in collaboration with IISER, Kolkata
- 4) Certificate Course on Child Rights in collaboration with UNICEF
- 5) Diploma in IPR Law
- 6) Diploma / Certificate Course on Forensic Science
- 7) Any other Course with the approval of the Academic Council and approval of the Executive Council

The matter was submitted for kind perusal, information and further direction if any.

Resolution

Resolved that proposed certificate and diploma courses are approved and any other such course which are run by University initiative may also be resumed following the Act and Regulation of the University.

It is further resolved that University may take initiative for tied up with foreign universities and specially BIMSTEC countries.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

10	Promotion of Teaching Staff as CAS under UGC Scheme	<p>The Executive Council adopted the UGC norms for promotion of faculty members under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of UGC in its meeting held on 10/08/2019. Accordingly, the faculty members were asked to submit applications in the prescribed format along with their documents for promotion under CAS like earlier occasions. The Screening and Evaluation Committee meeting was held on 17/06/2022 (Annexure 10A) and recommended eligible candidates for promotion under UGC Career Advancement Scheme.</p> <p>The recommended names of faculties are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Faisal Fasih from Assistant Professor, Stage I to Stage II w.e.f. 25/08/2021. 2. Dr. Sujata Roy from Assistant Professor, Stage II to Stage III w.e.f. 01/12/2019. <p>The Screening and Evaluation Committee meeting was held on 17/06/2022 comprising the following members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Shachi Chakraborty, Subject Expert 2. Prof. Jayanta Kumar Saha, Subject Expert 3. Prof. Sandeepa Bhat B., Subject Expert <p>The Selection Committee's recommendations for promotion under CAS were placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The recommendation of the Selection Committee in</p>
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		<p>respect of following two faculty members under CAS of UGC is approved.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Faisal Fasih from Assistant Professor, Stage I to Stage II w.e.f. 25/08/2021. 2. Dr. Sujata Roy from Assistant Professor, Stage II to Stage III w.e.f. 01/12/2019. <p>The Registrar is requested to necessary issue office order in this regard.</p>	
11	Completion of probation of Mr. Soumen Chowdhury, Technical Assistant, Computer Centre	<p>The probation period of Mr. Soumen Chowdhury, Technical Assistant, Computer Centre has been completed on 31/03/2022. Mr. Chowdhury, joined the post on 01/04/2021 against substantive post.</p> <p>As per provisions of Section 8(5) of regulations relating to the services within the University, the Registrar (Acting) has certified that his work and conduct were satisfactory during his probation period.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and direction</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>It is resolved that the service of Mr. Soumen Chowdhury is confirmed w.e.f. 01/04/2022 on completion of probation period.</p>	
12	MOU signed with Educational	<p>The University entered into MOU with the following educational institutions towards academic exchange programme are :</p>	

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Institutions	Sr. No.	Name of the Educational Institutions	Date of Signing the MOU
	1	The Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University, Japan	29/06/2022
	2	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, Howrah, West Bengal	15/07/2022
<p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and information.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>After resolution in agenda item no 12 Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha recused from the meeting as he was a candidate for the post of Associate Professor (Law and Technology)</p>			

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13	Appointment for the post of Associate Professor (Law & Technology)	<p>The matter arises out of the advertisement published in the renowned news dailies where the said post was advertised along with the University Website on 19/04/2022. A Selection Committee was constituted for the said purpose and interview of the Candidates. A total number of 5(Five) candidates have applied for the said post and 3(three) were found eligible for the same. Out of three candidates two candidates appeared for the interview held on 09/07/2022 and the name of the selected candidate will be placed in a sealed envelope in the table.</p> <p>Submitted for kind perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Resolved that the recommendation of the Selection Committee to appoint Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha as Associate Professor (Law & Technology) in Law and Technology on the subject of Artificial Intelligence and Law is approved</p>	
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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A A1	Appointment of Distinguished Visiting Professor and Adjunct Faculty	<p>In pursuance of the decision of the 75th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 26/06/2021 and 81st Meeting of the Executive Council held on 02/04/2022, the following persons are recommended for Adjunct Faculty and Distinguished Visiting Professors.</p> <p>A. <u>Adjunct Faculty</u></p> <p>Mrs. Arunima Roy, Senior Manager Compliance, Tata Steel Ltd. Kolkata</p> <p>B. <u>Distinguished Visiting Professors (Forensic</u></p>	
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Science)

- i) Dr. Mrs. Asha Srivastava, Director, CFSL, New Delhi
- ii) Dr. K. Thangaraj, Director, CDFD, Hyderabad
- iii) Dr. Ajay Sharma, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Rajasthan

B. Distinguished Visiting Professor (Law & Technology)

Mr. Amit Kumar, Innovator & Entrepreneur, Big Data Analytics, IT Security & Risk Management

Resolution

It is resolved that the proposed names for appointment as Adjunct Faculty and Distinguished Visiting Professors (Forensic Science) are approved as follows.

A. Adjunct Faculty

- i) Mrs. Arunima Roy, Senior Manager Compliance, Tata Steel Ltd. Kolkata

B. Distinguished Visiting Professors (Forensic Science)


- i) Dr. Mrs. Asha Srivastava, Director, CFSL, New Delhi
- ii) Dr. K. Thangaraj, Director, CDFD, Hyderabad
- iii) Dr. Ajay Sharma, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Rajasthan

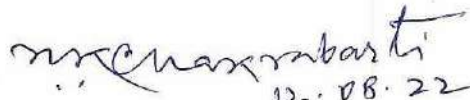
		<p><u>B. Distinguished Visiting Professor (Law & Technology)</u></p> <p>i) Mr. Amit Kumar, Innovator & Entrepreneur, Big Data Analytics, IT Security & Risk Management</p>	
A A2	Reconsideration of the prayer of Mr. Abhijit Nandi, DEO, Hostel Office	<p>Mr. Abhijit Nandi once again prayed before the authority (Annexure AA2A) to consider his prayer for giving a term engagement in the hostel work. At present after 2 years gap all the students capacity are presently full and the hostel is running with all its usual functions.</p> <p>In view of his retirement from 31/08/2022, it will be difficult to have any other staff suddenly to take up his work and to run the day to day activities of the hostel.</p> <p>In the circumstances stated above, it is recommended that he may be engaged in a consolidated pay of Rs. 25000/- only for a period of six months or till the new incumbent is appointed for the said post.</p> <p>It is further suggested that the post may be re-designated as Hostel Manager for the next recruitment.</p> <p>The matter was Submitted for perusal and consideration.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The prayer of Mr. Avijit Nandi, DEO Hostel office is being considered and resolved that Mr. Nandi be engaged as contractual staff on a consolidated pay of Rs. 25,000/- till the new incumbent is appointed.</p>	

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		It is further resolved that DEO, Hostel Office may be re-designated a Hostel Manager for the subsequent recruitment. Registrar is requested to prepare a detailed note for necessary qualification, pay scale and other benefits etc. entitled for the proposed post.	
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(Smt. Sikha Sen)
Registrar(Acting)


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(Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Chakrabarti)
Vice Chancellor