



**MINUTES OF THE 86<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 11.30 AM.**

**THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL  
SCIENCES**

The following member was not able to attend the meeting due to other official work:

- 1) Shri Moloy Ghatak, Minister-in-Charge, Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 2) Mr. Manish Jain (IAS), Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 3) Mr. Soumendra Nath Mookherjee, Advocate General, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 4) Prof. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.
- 5) Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur.
- 6) Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Vishakhapatnam.
- 7) Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department
- 8) Prof. Anupa Guha Majumdar, Professor

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		<p>suitable candidate was found.</p> <p>Further resolved that Vice Chancellor is requested to contact office of the Ford Foundation, New Delhi and initiates discussion to review and revise the existing norms and conditions of appointment and function of the Ford Chair Professor. The office of the Ford Foundation, New Delhi may be requested to communicate their views which is to be placed before the Executive Council in due course.</p>
3.	<p><b>Appointment of Research Assistants – Law and Social Science</b></p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council Meeting held on 28/08/2022 (Agenda Item No. 4) where the Executive Council approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of the said posts and appointment letters were asked to be sent to the incumbents within a week.</p> <p>Accordingly, appointment letters were issued to all the incumbents and they have joined in the said posts. (Annexure 3A to 3D).</p> <p>Submitted for kind perusal and approval.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Noted and approved.</p>
4.	<p><b>Recruitment for the post of Faculty and Officers – Matter regarding Reservations</b></p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council (Agenda Item No. 5) where the Executive Council directed to place the matter before the Academic Council for review along with the views on the letters of Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal. It was also directed that the <u>recommendation of the Academic Council</u> to be placed before the Executive Council with a revised draft advertisement on the basis of present requirement of quality teaching and new programmes.</p>

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		Agenda item no. 5.
6.	<p><b>Appointment for the post of Associate Professor (Law &amp; Technology, specialization with Artificial Intelligence) – To consider representation of Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha, Assistant Professor, WBNUJS</b></p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 85<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28/08/2022(Additional Agenda Item No. AA1) where the matter has been deferred and it was directed that the matter to be placed before the Executive Council in its subsequent meeting for discussion.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter is once again put up. In pursuance of the decision of the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 06/08/2022, Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha has been appointed as Associate Professor (Law &amp; Technology) on the subject of Artificial Intelligence and Law is approved.</p> <p>In this context, this is to mention that Dr. Guha being an Assistant Professor of the University is also a member of the Executive Council and therefore on receipt of the soft copy of the agenda items on 24/08/2022 where the Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council was circulated, he had put up a prayer before the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University to consider the new post of Associate Professor as a continuation of his current permanent position so that he do not have to resign from the latter position in order to join the former position so that he can continue to avail the pay protection, promotional and other associated benefits as allowed under the University Regulations and UGC Regulations applicable for the Associate Professor position. In the alternate, he also prayed for lien from his current permanent position and he may be able to return to his permanent position subsequently without loss of seniority or other rights including promotional rights associated with his current position.</p> <p>Later, when the appointment letter has been issued bearing letter no. NUJS/REG/APPOINTMENT/AP(L&amp;T)/55/22 dated 22/09/2022 (Annexure 6A) in response to the same he again prayed before the authorities which is self explanatory (Annexure 6B).</p> <p>Submitted for kind perusal and direction as prayed above.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Letter of Dr. Shouvik Kumar Guha, Assistant Professor,</p>

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		<p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>A panel recommended by the Selection Committee was placed by the Vice Chancellor before the members of the Executive Council. The matter was discussed and deferred for the next meeting.</p>
8.	Prayer for lien submitted by of Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder, Assistant Professor in Law	<p>The University has received a prayer from Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder, Assistant Professor, Law (Annexure 8A) praying for Lien for his said post for <b>three years</b> as he received an offer in the post of Professor in O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana and to join the said post from 16/01/2023 (Annexure 8B). This is to inform that he joined the University after completion of his said Course and Study Leave on 13/06/2022 (Annexure 8C). His due increments during his leave has also been granted as prayed for. However, the appointment letter from Jindal Global University was issued to Mr. Tarafder on 25/05/2022 which was submitted to the University on 18/10/2022.</p> <p>In this regard, this is to inform that the University does not have any specific rules of lien and one such prayer of Dr. Saurabh Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor was placed before the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 26/06/2021 where the majority of Members declined the prayer of Dr. Bhattacharya where he have applied for Extra-ordinary Leave for two years (Annexure 8D). Therefore, the application is placed for perusal and directions.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Prayer submitted by Mr. Agnidipta Tarafder has been considered and rejected for the interest of the students.</p>
9.	Recruitment of Administration and Researcher Posts	<p>This is in reference to the Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20/03/2022 regarding filling up of vacant posts of contractual staff. In this regard it may be mentioned that the post of Accountant has been filled up (Annexure 9A). The post of Programme cum System Analyst and Assistant Controller of Examination though advertised, recruitment process is yet to be completed. However, 2 Assistants for Accounts Section and 2</p>

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		<p>fellowship by the Academic Council. Resolved that Vice Chancellor is requested to prepare a draft advertisement to fill up all the vacant administrative, teaching and researchers' posts necessary to run the administration smoothly following the Hundred Point Roster system wherever applicable. The draft advertisement be circulated for approval at the earliest.</p>
10.	<p><b>To consider the Budget of the 14th Convocation</b></p>	<p>The Finance Committee in its 126<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 21/10/2022, considered the budget conducting the Convocation of the batches of 2019 &amp; 2020 of LL.B. &amp; LL.M. and all up to date Ph.D. candidates for awarding their respective Degree in the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, Kolkata considering the number of students and their parents of the two batches. The Finance Committee provisionally approved the budget and are of the opinion that the budget pertaining to Convocation as placed in the Agenda is on the higher side and direction of the Executive Council to be taken in this regard.</p> <p>In this connection it may be mentioned that total amount of Rs. 20,06,335/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs six thousand and three hundred thirty five) was incurred to conduct the Convocation for both the pass out batches of 2019 &amp; 2020 (Annexure 10A). However, in the last two Convocation in the year 2018 &amp; 2019 which was held in the University Auditorium was incurred Rs. 11,34,640/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs thirty four thousand six hundred and forty) and Rs. 7,37,544/- (Rupees Seven lakhs thirty seven thousand five hundred forty four) respectively (Annexure 10B).</p> <p>Submitted for kind consideration and approval of the expenditure in the 2022 Convocation held on 30/10/2022.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Resolved that the expenditure incurred in the 14<sup>th</sup> Convocation held on 30/10/2022, be audited by the present Statutory Auditor of the University, namely Sen and Company, and the audit report be submitted in the subsequent EC meeting.</p>

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		<p>familiarity with each other, so as to draw lessons from the prevailing best practices, recommend solutions and cooperative exercises to meet each other's socio-legal needs, as well as generate synergy via common programme-based steps forward, on multiple domains including trade, technological growth, national security, education and access to justice. Keeping in mind the ongoing geo-political scenario and complex international relations prevailing in this region, such initiatives may hold considerable strategic significance towards framing a holistic national policy for India and its foreign relations with the other BIMSTEC member-states.</p> <p>It is with this objective in mind that the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences proposes to <b>organise a two-day International Colloquium based on the theme 'Contemporary Legal Reforms in BIMSTEC Member-States: Looking Ahead by Drawing Lessons from the Past and the Present'.</b></p> <p>Submitted for your kind perusal, information and direction.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Resolved that a Sub-Committee is constituted with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose as Chairman and Vice Chancellor as Convenor to take necessary steps to implement the proposal. Other members to be co-opted on the recommendation of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose. It is also resolved that the proposed International Colloquium may be held before November, 2023. Vice Chancellor is authorised to do the needful in consultation with Hon'ble Justice Aniruddha Bose.</p>
12.	Confirmation of Services of Assistant Registrar (Finance)	<p>Mr. Ashok Das, Assistant Registrar (Finance), joined in the University on 22/11/2021 taking lien from IISER, Kolkata and his appraisal of the candidate and recommendation of the competent authority as at Annexure 12A.</p> <p>Submitted for kind perusal and direction.</p> <p><b><u>Resolution</u></b></p> <p>Resolved that the services of Mr. Ashok Das, Assistant</p>

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		project on “Transnational Remedies for Environmental Harm with Clinical Legal Education”.
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The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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Registrar (Acting)  
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Secretary.

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Vice-Chancellor  
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Chairman.