

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences

MINUTES OF THE 87th MEETING OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2023 AT 10.30 A.M.

The Eighty seventh Meeting of the Executive Council was held on 14th January 2023 at 10.30 a.m. at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, 12 L.B. Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 106.

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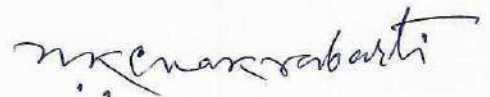
1. Prof. (Dr.). N.K. Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge, Supreme Court of India.
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Soumen Sen, Judge, High Court at Calcutta.
4. Justice Ashim Kumar Roy, Hon'ble Lokayukta, Former Judge, High Court at Calcutta.
5. Mr. Pradip Kumar Panja, Secretary, Department of Law, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. Mr. Sandipan Ganguly, Sr. Advocate, Calcutta High Court
7. Prof. Dr. Kavita Singh, Professor of Law, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.
8. Ms. Sampa Karmakar Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.
9. Mr. Shouvik Kumar Guha, Assistant Professor of Law, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.

The following members were present in the meeting through virtual mode:

- 1) Shri Moloy Ghatak, Minister-in-Charge, Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

The following members informed that they were not able to attend the meeting due to other prior commitments:

- 1) Mr. Manish Jain (IAS), Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.



- 2) Mr. Soumendra Nath Mookherjee, Advocate General, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 3) Prof. Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta.
- 4) Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur.
- 5) Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash, Vice Chancellor, Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Vishakhapatnam.
- 6) Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Finance Department
- 7) Prof. Anupa Guha Majumdar, Professor

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

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**Minutes of the 87th Meeting of the Executive Council held on
14th January 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

Sl. No	Agenda Item	Resolution	Remarks
1.	The Minutes of the 86 th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20 th November 2022	<p>The Minutes of the 86th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20th November 2022 are placed before the Executive Council for kind perusal and confirmation.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the 86th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20th November 2022 are confirmed with the following additional notes.</p> <p>Agenda Item. Sl. No. 2. Appointment of Ford Foundation Chair Professor (Honorary) – It is reported that a communication was sent to The Ford Foundation by the Vice Chancellor but no response has yet been received.</p> <p>Agenda Item. Sl. No. 4. Recruitment for the post of Faculty and Officers – Matter regarding Reservations – Noted. Secretary Backward Classes and Welfare Department is requested to discuss the matter with the Vice Chancellor and the matter will be taken up at the next Executive Council meeting.</p>	
DEFERRED ITEMS			

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2. Appointment of Registrar – Recommendation of Selection Committee	<p>The matter arises out of the 83rd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 25/06/2022 and 84th Meeting held on 06/08/2022 where the panel of experts for recruitment of the said post has been constituted. The Executive Council in its 84th Meeting has directed the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to take necessary action for regular appointment for the post of Registrar.</p> <p>Accordingly, interview for the said post was held on 17/10/2022. The applications submitted earlier as well as the applications submitted as per the advertisement in the month of July 2022 were considered.</p> <p>Altogether, 44 applications has been received out of which 27 candidates were called for interview, 13 candidates appeared for the interview on physical mode and 01 appeared in virtual mode. The summary of the same is placed as Annexure 7B.</p> <p>The Selection Committee consisting of the following members conducted an Interview and recommended a Panel of names selection for appointment as Registrar by the Executive Council.</p> <p>The members of the Selection Committee are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS2. Prof. (Dr.) Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Delhi3. Prof. (Dr.) Partha Sarathi Chakrabarti, Assistant Registrar (Academic), IEST, Shibpur <p>The recommendation of the Selection Committee was placed on the table of 86th Meeting of the Executive</p>	
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Council held on 20/11/2022 (Agenda Item No. 7) and the Council discussed and deferred for the next meeting.

The matter was Submitted for your kind perusal and direction

Resolution

The Executive Council does not accept the recommendation because of some discrepancy between the Score Sheet of the shortlisted applicants appeared for the interview for the post of Registrar and that of the Recommendation Sheet of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee recommended only one candidate as per Score Sheet, but the Recommendation Sheet was for two candidates. In any event the number of candidates recommended were less than three. Thus, it is resolved that a fresh advertisement is to be issued. The candidates who had participated earlier shall be entitled to participate again through fresh application without any further payment of application fee and the selection process be completed as early as possible.

Further resolved that following names be added in the Panel of Experts for selection for the post of Registrar.

1. Hon'ble Justice Mausumi Bhattacharya
2. Prof. Sadhan Chakraborty

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

3	Prayer for lien	The matter arises out of the 86 th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20/11/2023 (Agenda Item	
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	<p>submitted by of Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder, Assistant Professor in Law</p> <p>No. 8) regarding this matter. The Council resolved that the prayer submitted by Mr. Tarafder has been considered and rejected for the interest of the students.</p> <p>The direction of the Council has been extended to Mr. Tarafder and thereafter he had tendered resignation from the post of Assistant Professor, Law.</p> <p>The Executive Council may accept the resignation of the said Faculty. Now, Provident Fund, etc. admissible terminal benefits shall be extended to him if his resignation is accepted.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for information and direction.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>It is reported by the Registrar that there are no pending disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Agnidipto Tarafder. Subject to clearance of dues, if any, resignation is accepted following the usual procedure. All admissible dues may be released after verification.</p>	
<p>4 Recruitment of Administration and Researcher Posts</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 86th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20/11/2022 (Agenda Item No. 9). As per approval of the Executive Council the draft advertisement has been circulated to the Member of the Executive Council for approval.</p> <p>As per the direction, the draft advertisement was approved through circulation and the same had been advertised in the News Dailies like Anandabazar Patrika, The Telegraph and Bartaman on 27th December 2022. The last date for submission of the</p>	

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applications was **20/01/2023**.

The matter was submitted for kind information and directions, if any.

Resolution

Noted.

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MOUs with various institution

The matter arises out of the 86th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 20/11/2022 (Agenda Item No. 13) where the Executive Council considered the MOUs. However, in case of Gameskraft Technology Pvt. Ltd., it was directed that the detailed activities and sources of finance in respect of **Gameskraft Technology Pvt. Ltd.** are required to be submitted to the University for consideration of the Executive Council and take further action in this matter. Accordingly, they have submitted their details for consideration.

The MOU for **St. Xavier's University, Kolkata** was in the format of draft and as per the approval of the draft by the 86th Meeting of the Executive Council, the signed MOU (Final) was placed before the Executive Council for information and consideration.

The University also signed another MOU with **Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University** on 03/12/2022 towards education and research activities.

Another matter in regard to the Agenda Item No. 6 of the 85th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28/08/2022 where an MOU has been signed with **Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.**

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		<p>regarding modification of the confidentiality clause in the MOU. Accordingly, they same has been taken care and a fresh MOU has been signed on 28/11/2022 with them.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for perusal and consideration.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>As regards MOU for Gameskraft Technology Pvt. Ltd., matter is deferred. A subcommittee is formed consisting of the Vice Chancellor, Mr. Sandipan Ganguly, Prof. Kavita Singh and Dr. Shouvik Kr. Guha to give a detailed report about the feasibility of accepting the proposal from Gameskraft. As only Balance Sheet is submitted which is not sufficient information, the Vice Chancellor is requested to ask the concerned organization to furnish more relevant information to be placed before the subcommittee.</p> <p>The MOU's with (1) St. Xavier's University, (2) Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., (3) National Forensic Science University are approved.</p>	
6	Submission of the vetted plan & estimate for the Scheme under MPLADS as per the	<p>The matter arises out of the Agenda Item No 11 of the 85th Meeting of the Executive Council where the DM of Howrah forwarded a sanction letter to the EE, PWD, Bidhannagar, West Division, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091 towards construction of Seminar Room in the University and for such purpose an amount of Rs. 1,50,00,000 was sanctioned for such purpose. PWD, Bidhannagar, West Division, Salt</p>	

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<p>recommendation of Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Hon'ble M.P. (Rajya Sabha) vide Memo No. MPLAD/RS/220 dated 29/09/2022 for the year 2021-22</p>	<p>Lake, Kolkata – 700091 was requested to take necessary steps to utilize the fund and the Vice Chancellor is taking necessary actions for implementation of the proposed Seminar Hall. Accordingly, a front plan of the said building is placed as Annexure 6A for information in which there is provision for construction of two floors as Guest House (2nd & 3rd) the cost of which to be arranged by the University.</p> <p>The matter was submitted.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Noted and approved.</p>	
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NEW AGENDA ITEMS

<p>7 Proposal for waiver of the fees for a UG Student of the University</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 122nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21/10/2022 where a request was received from Ms. Sakshi Narayan (Student ID 219027) for waiver of her fee dues taking into consideration the subsequent poor financial condition of the student as mentioned in her application. As per available records with the Accounts Section, the total fees due from the student amounts to Rs. 6,99,000/-. However, only Rs. 66,270/- was allocated to the student for the Academic Year 2020-21 and 2021-22.</p> <p>The finance committee deliberated the matter and resolved that the matter to be placed before the Executive Council for formulation of a policy for eliminating scope of any arbitrary extending of benefit</p>	
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		<p>of waiver or reduction of fees.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and directions.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>The matter is placed before the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Considering the academic performance of the student and the extraordinary situation arising within the family as she lost her father, the Executive Council is of the view that her case to be considered favourably for the waiver of total fees, subject to her filing an affidavit in the form of Declaration of Assets and IT Return if any.</p> <p>The mess charges be paid by the University.</p> <p>The Vice Chancellor is requested to approach the State Government for Special Grant for scholarship in pursuance of the WBNUJS Amendment Act of 2019.</p>	
8	<p>Proposal to collaborate with Cambridge University to undertake joint academic programs and joint research Project</p>	<p>Dr. Jayanta Ghosh of the Centre for Regulatory Studies, Governance and Public Policy (CRSGPP), received one email from an industrial associate of Cambridge University to discuss on the project as mentioned above. Subsequently, a meeting was held on 8th June 2022 in virtual mode, thereafter we have correspondence whereby a physical meeting is required to be held at Cambridge University, UK during February and March 2023 and the date would be finalized after the 15th January 2023.</p> <p>Moreover, during the visit the Vice Chancellor will meet the other universities like London University, Sheffield University, Kings College London,</p>	

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<p>“Development of Strategic promotion policy for traditional heritage products and Geographical Indication products of India and UK”.</p>	<p>University of Leicester, Liverpool University, etc. for joint degree programmes on criminology and criminal justice, and Science, Technology and Law related, in pursuance of recent notification of the UGC. The required fund for travel and accommodation will be available from the research fund of CRSGPP.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for approval.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Discussed and deferred with request to the Vice Chancellor to place more detailed information about collaboration and academic activities to be undertaken in the proposed visit.</p>	
<p>9 Completion of Probation period of Mr. Prithwish Saha, Assistant Registrar (Planning & Development) and Mr. Premananda Mukherjee, Assistant Librarian</p>	<p>The matter arises out of the 79th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18/12/2021 where prayer of pay protection has been received by the University from Mr. Saha and Mr. Mukherjee. The Executive Council directed therein that on successful completion of probation period, the candidate selected in open post will get the benefit of protection of pay as per recommendation of a fixation committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor and the same will be applicable to similar other staff also.</p> <p>In the above-mentioned cases, Registrar (Acting) have submitted a satisfactory report of the following University employees which is annexed. Their applications / prayer for completion of one year of service were annexed.</p> <p>Regarding the issue of Pay protection the fixation committee will be constituted in due course of time and the same will be submitted for perusal of the Executive Council.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for kind perusal and</p>	

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		<p>directions.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Considering the period spent during the probation, the appointment in respect of Mr. Prithwish Saha and Mr. Premananda Mukherjee are confirmed.</p> <p>As regards pay fixation, a separate committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor.</p>	
10	<p>Proposal to appoint a Fact Finding Committee regarding performance matter of Class Teaching and Examination work of Dr. Saumya Sahin, Assistant Professor (Economics)</p>	<p>It has been revealed from the various records of the Academic Section, staff of the Examination duty and recently from the Controller of Examination that for more than three years the concerned faculty was not discharging his duties related to examinations. For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The teacher concerned lost the answer script of the Repeat Examination 2. Took more than 04 (Four) months to evaluate one answer script resulting in delay in getting the degree certificate of the student. 3. Took more than three months to evaluate the answer scripts instead of one month of the scheduled time. 4. Not reported in the Spot Evaluation on the scheduled date without taking leave or intimation where there were no scheduled classes. 5. Not completed the evaluation on time resulting in delay in publication of the result without his paper. 6. Took the lowest number of classes compared to all the other teachers of the same class. <p>Relevant Annexure was enclosed for reference.</p>	

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		<p>Considering the above and other incidents of negligence of examination and other academic responsibilities, the Vice Chancellor under Section 32 of the WBNUJS Act, 1999 propose that a Fact – Finding Committee be appointed and also till the report is submitted and considered by the Executive Council the annual increment of Dr. Saumya Sahin may be withheld/ suspended.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for perusal and direction.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Proposal of one-man enquiry committee is approved. Vice Chancellor is authorized to appoint a one person fact finding committee and to submit the report of the committee before the Executive Council in due course. The annual increment in respect of Dr. Saumya Sahin will remain suspended till further decision by the Executive Council.</p>	
11	Extension of Service of Mr. Manabendra Ghosh, DEO	<p>The 82nd Meeting of the Executive Council held on 07/05/2022 extended the services of Mr. Manabendra Ghosh as Data Entry Operator on contractual basis till 2nd January 2023. However, the said contractual employee is serving the University as Assistant to all the Online Courses and also in addition to that he is also serving the Stores and Purchase Section of the University after the sudden demise of Ms. Anindita Talapatra who was in charge of that Section. He has also prayed for extension / renewal of his services. Although, Mr. Ghosh has attained the age of 60 years, his services be extended for a period of one year from 3rd January 2023 in existing terms and conditions considering his commitment and</p>	

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dedication towards his present work.

The matter was submitted for kind perusal and consideration.

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The contractual service of Mr. Manabendra Ghosh, D.E.O., is extended for six months. Within this time Vice Chancellor is requested to appoint a new person with suitable nomenclature for the post after taking approval from the Executive Council.

12 To consider Recommendation of the Vice Chancellor for appointment of distinguished Visiting Professors & Adjunct Faculty

The University likes to consider recommendation of the Vice Chancellor for appointment of distinguished Visiting Professors of the following persons as per the resolution of the 81st Meeting of the Executive Council held on 02/04/2022 :

Sr. No.	Name of the proposed visiting professor	Bio-Data
1	Ms. Indira Banerjee	Annexure 12A

Sr. No.	Name of the proposed Adjunct Faculty	Bio-Data
1	Prof. Bivas Chatterjee	Annexure 12B

The matter was submitted for kind perusal and directions.

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		<p>As regards Ms. Indira Banerjee, matter is approved.</p> <p>As regards Prof. Bivas Chatterjee, matter is deferred.</p> <p>Further resolved that hence forth Distinguished Visiting Professors and Adjunct Professors be recommended by the sub-committee constituted for this purpose by the Executive Council for consideration.</p>	
13	University Leave Matters	<p>The matter arises out of the 85th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28/08/2022 (Agenda Item No. AA2) where the Executive Council directed that the Vice Chancellor was authorized to draft the leave rules and placed it before the Executive Council for decision and necessary direction.</p> <p>The University Leave Matters being part of the Service Rules of the University has been drafted and will be placed on the table for perusal and direction.</p> <p>The matter was submitted for direction.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>Discussed and deferred. Draft to be scrutinized by the Sub-Committee and to be placed in the next meeting.</p>	
14	Any other matter	<p>1. Vice-Chancellor is requested to review the existing Provident Fund and Gratuity Rules of WBNUJS in the light of the new Provident Fund and Gratuity Act. It was also suggested to look into the possibility of National Pension Scheme or any other Pension schemes for all employees and the resources for the</p>	

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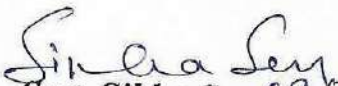
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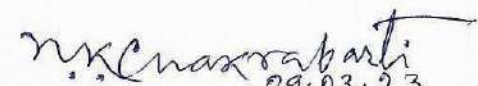
required additional Fund for this purpose. A consultative process with both the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff be initiated.

2. It is resolved that Vice Chancellor is requested to adopt suitable Medical Insurance Plan for all the staff of the University in lieu of reimbursement of Rs 30,000/ (Rupees Thirty Thousand) per year to the staff.

3. Pay fixation of Data Entry Operators - Resolved that the enquiry committee constituted by the finance committee regarding fixation of pay be expedited and report to be submitted to the Executive Council as early as possible.

4. Appointment of University Research Fellow - Deferred. The Registrar placed the recommendation of Selection Committee and the joining reports of the University Research Fellow as per the decision of the Executive Council on the recommendation of the University Review Committee from 2020 onwards. Resolved that detailed documents in this regard be placed in the next Executive Council meetings.


Smt. Sikha Sen 09.03.23
Registrar (Acting) & Secretary


Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti 09.03.23
Vice Chancellor & Chairman