

MINUTES OF THE 121ST MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON VIRTUAL MODE ON 03rd AUGUST, 2022 AT 07.00 PM.

THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES

121st Meeting of the Finance Committee

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The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences. Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

The Hundred Twenty First meeting of the Finance Committee was held through virtual mode on 03rd August, 2022 at 04.30 PM at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, 12LB Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106.

Following member was physically present in the meeting:

1. Hon'ble Professor (Dr) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice-Chancellor, WBNUJS.

Following members were present in the meeting through virtual mode:

- 1. Mr. Soumendra Nath Mookherjee, Advocate General, West Bengal.
- 2. Mr. Ratnanko Banerji, Sr. Advocate, Treasurer, WBNUJS (In chair).

The following members were not able to attend the meeting due to other official work:

- 1) Mr. Manish Jain (IAS), Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 2) Mr. Partha Sarathi Sen, Secretary, Judicial Department (In-charge), Govt. of West Bengal.

Smt. Sikha Sen, Registrar (Acting), Ex-Officio Secretary was physically present in the meeting.

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The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences Minutes of the 121st Meeting of the Finance Committee of WBNUJS held on 03rd August, 2022 at 07.00 PM.

Sl. No.	Agenda Item	Resolution
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 120 th Meeting of the Finance Committee which was held on 17 th June, 2022.
	120 th Meeting of the Finance	The minutes are enclosed as Annexure-1A .
	Committee	Submitted before the Committee for confirmation.
		Resolution
	~	The Minutes of the 120 th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17 th June, 2022 as placed is confirmed.
2.	Renewal for Fire and Burglary Insurance Policies of the University	Policies which is procured from M/s National Insurance Company Limited vide Policy No 100400112110000005 and Policy No 1004005921100000011 respectively. The

Resolution Resolved that the University should continue with the insurance policies as per previous practice. The University after inspection by competent personnel 3. Proposal for intends for reconstruction and up-gradation of the Sub-**Up-gradation of** station of the University. Accordingly, an estimate is the Substation received from PWD, Bidhannagar Electrical Division vide of The Memo No. 152 dated 10th February, 2022 for servicing of University Transformers, Main dist. Panel Boards and other associated electrical work for an amount of Rs. 4,49,253/-. The proposal was placed and approved in Agenda No. 12 of the Meeting of the Building Committee held on 05th May, 2022. The relevant documents are placed at Annexure – 3A. Submitted for perusal and further directions. Resolution Resolved that the proposal is approved and work order to be placed with the PWD, Bidhannagar Electrical Division, Govt. Of West Bengal for the amount of Rs.4,49,253/-. In pursuance of resolution of Agenda No. 2 of the 120th Proposal 4. for Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.06.2022. a vertical letter was sent to Principal Secretary, Government of extension of West Bengal, Law Department with respect to building the Institute dated 06.07.2022. It was proposed in the letter that the of Block the vertical extension of the Academic Building 4th and 5th University Floor by PWD, West Bengal can be constructed utilising Development Campus the University Fund in (CLSB/CLKCC Deposits) having a corpus of Rs. 92 Crores is available. The State Government letter dated 18.07.2022 informed that Law Department has no objection if required fund of Rs. 17 Crores is incurred from aforesaid fund.

Accordingly, we may issue the Work Order to PWD, West

Bengal to start the vertical extension work as proposed above.

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure-4A.

Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that keeping in view that the paln of the vertical extension and the estimated expenditure received from Chief Engineer, PWD, West Bengal for a total amount of Rs. 17,85,74,258/- for civil and electrical works for such vertical extension and had been approved by the building committee in its meeting held on 05th May, 2022, the Finance Committee recommend the proposal to the Executive Council for kind approval of the proposed vertical extension of the Academic Block.

The necessary funds be incurred from corpus fund of the University in CLKCC deposit of Rs. 92 Crores. As the State Government in its letter dated 18.07.2022 expressed no objection of utilizing of aforesaid fund of vertical extension we may utilize the fund from time to time as and when demanded by PWD, West Bengal for the proposed vertical extension.

However, with the work order a sum of Rs. 3,00,00,000/-(Three Crores only) to be paid to PWD, Govt of West Bengal to begin the work.

5. Proposal for installation of Hot Water supply for University **Hostel Block**

The matter arises from the resolution of Agenda No. 04 of the 120th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17.06.2022. The University contacted the Office of The West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Authority to clarify whether the electricity to be generated can be used for hot water system in the washroom/toilets or not.

The West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Authority informed the University vide Memo Ref. No. Plant/103/2019/626 WBREDA/SPV Power

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19./07/2022 that now all the solar plant there is only one system whereby electricity to be produced be directly given to the power grid only. Hence, the University will have to go for installing heat pump system in the gents & ladies hostel block.

The University proposes for inviting tenders to install such water heater system.

The relevant documents are placed in Annexure – 5A. Submitted for perusal and further directions.

Resolution

The proposal is approved by the Finance Committee. The committee also recommended that the installation work to be carried out through invitation of tenders in the open market. The cost of the work to be determined after finalisation of the tender process and to be placed before the Finance Committee for further evaluation.

6. Proposal for approval of budget for the 43rd All India Criminology Conference to be held during 15th to 17th December,2022

The University is going to organize the 43rd All India Criminology Conference on "Reimagining Criminology and Criminal Justice in the context of changing paradigm of Science and Technology" during 15th to 17th December, 2022. In this context, the University has prepared the budget for the conduct of the Conference.

The relevant Documents are placed at Annexure- 6A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

The proposed budget for the 43rd All India Criminology Conference is approved by the Finance Committee. The Committee approved the proposal for sponsorship of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs) from the University for the said conference.

7. Proposal for procurement of Furniture for M.Sc Forensic Science

The University is in the process of development of 02 (two) nos of classrooms Room No 305 & 306 for conducting of classes for M.Sc Forensic Science course. For such purpose, there is requirement for 32 nos. of High & Low bench Combined Desk. The University

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obtained an estimate of Rs. 6,58,085/- (including GST @ 18%) from The West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited for the supply of such furniture. As per the terms and conditions of the Proforma Invoice, 50% of such amount is required to be paid as an advance and balance at the time of delivery.

Accordingly, The University has placed purchase order vide Ref No. NUJS/PO/Forest/20/2022-23 dated 15th July, 2022 on the vendor. As per terms & conditions, an amount of Rs. 3,29,042/- is payable as advance by the university.

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure – 7A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal for the entire estimate of Rs.6,58,085/- (including GST @ 18%) is approved. 50% of the amount to be paid upfront as advance and the balance to be paid on completion of the job.

8. Proposal for construction of Smart Hybrid Classrooms

The University proposes to construct a Smart Hybrid Classroom in Room No. 114 of the Academic Block. In this connection, a proposal was received from M/s. West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Ltd. vide Ref No. DM/NWD/WBNUJS/22-23/001 dated 04.05.2022 for an amount of Rs. 20,45,747/- (GST extra on actual amount of Bill). This includes Rs. 15,03,444/-for IT Equipments and Rs. 5,42,303/- for Civil & Electrical Equipments.

Accordingly, Work Order being placed on M/s WEBEL for the abovementioned work vide Ref No. NUJS/WO/WEBEL/4/2022-23 dated 17th May, 2022. The relevant Documents are placed at Annexure – 8A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal is approved with the total amount of Rs. 20,45,747/-plus GST.

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The proposal for Development of Website of the University was placed on M/s. West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Ltd. vide Order Ref No. NUJS/WO/WEBEL/45/201-20 dated 31st January, 2020 for an amount of Rs. 5,05,772/-.

Accordingly, the vendor, M/s WEBEL has submitted a Tax Invoice vide Ref No. ESISWD21-22/0017 dated 31st March, 2022 for an Amount of Rs. 4,24,352/- for release of payment by the University.

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure- 9A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal is approved for an amount of Rs. 4,24,352/- only.

10. Proposal for selection of Statutory and Internal Audit Firm for the University through Tender

The function of Statutory Audit of the Annual Accounts of The University was entrusted to M/s Sen & Co., Chartered Accountants, for the Financial Year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 vide Order Ref No. NUJS/REG/278/2020 dated 21st January, 2020. The tenure of appointment of the auditor will expire on completion of statutory Audit for the Financial Year 2021-22.

The University requires the selection of Auditor for the conduct of Audit for the subsequent Financial Years. In this regard, the University proposes for floating of Tenders for such selection. Accordingly, the Notice Inviting Tender vide Ref No.

WBNUJS/PurEnq/006/SIA/2022-23 is prepared for publishing.

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure- 10A. Submitted for perusal and further directions.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal is approved and action to be taken for floating of tenders for selection of Auditors for both statutory as well as internal audit.

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11. Proposal for renewal of Offer of Appointment of Tax Consultant of the University

The matter arises for the resolution of Agenda No. 05 of the 115th Meeting of the Finance Committee where M/s Ratan Kumar Goel & Co was appointed as Tax Consultant of the University for a period of One year on a consolidated fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- per month. Accordingly, Order was issued vide Ref No. NUJS/REG/Appointment/TC/04/21 dated April 05, 2021. The said appointment has already expired.

Now, the University proposes for extension of such appointment for another term of o6(Six) months with the Tax Consultant on the same terms & conditions. The relevant documents are placed at Annexure-11A.

Submitted for perusal & approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal for extension of appointment of M/s Ratan Kumar Goel & Co as tax consultant of the University for another six months i.e from April, 2022 till September, 2022, on the same terms and conditions is approved.

Further resolved that action to be taken for preparation of tender for appointment of tax consultant for a period of three years or more.

12. Proposal for Utilisation of the Amount received from CLAT Consortium by the University

In the 118th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22nd January, 2022, it was proposed that the Funds received from Consortium of National Law Universities for the Financial Year 2019-20 and 2020-21, is to be utilised on any of the following heads as mentioned below:

- 1) Library Books & E-resources.
- 2) IT Development.
- 3) Purchase of Laptops , Desktops & related Accessories.
- 4) Scholarships.
- 5) Research Grants.

The University has received Rs. 1,50,00,000/- (One Crore Fifty Lakhs only) as on 01/02/2022 in Union Bank Account No 520141001392626, NUJS Campus Branch. Now it is

proposed that the University will utilise the amount on Research Grants and Scholarships (preferably to LLM Students).

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure- 12A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal is approved. Further resolved that the Statement of Utilization in respect of the CLAT Fund be submitted within the Financial Year 2022-23.

13. Proposal for Renewal of ERP System of the University

The University is presently operating an ERP Software designed by LS Academia. The contract for the ERP system is given to M/s WEBEL Technology Ltd which is further sub-contracted to M/s Libsys Limited.

Now, the University proposes for further renewal of the contract of LS Academia ERP system till 28th January, 2023. In this regard, the University received an email dated July 22, 2022 from M/s Libsys Limited for renewal of the contract. The annual subscription charges for the LS Academia ERP modules amounts to Rs. 8,92,500/-(GST @ 18% extra). The charges will proportionately reduce if the University opts for non-operation of any of the modules.

The relevant documents are placed at Annexure – 13A. Submitted for perusal and approval.

Resolution

Resolved that the proposal for further renewal of the contract of LS Academia ERP system till 28th January, 2023 is approved.

14. Proposal for Repairing and Painting of Room No. 312,313,314 and 315 of the

The University proposes for repairing and painting of Room No. 312, 313, 314 and 315 of the Institute Block. Accordingly, request was sent to Executive Engineer, PWD, Bidhannagar Division (West) for inspection and submission of estimate. An estimate vide Memo No. 793-W/240 dated 29.04.2022 was received from PWD for an

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University amount of Rs. 1,78,513/- in respect of Room No. 312,313 and 315. A separate estimate is received in respect of Room No. 314 for an amount of Rs. 1,68,223/- vide Memo No.804-W/240 dated 05.05.2022. The total involvement for the work amounts to Rs. 3,46,736/-. The proposal for Room No. 312,313 and 315 was already placed and approved as per resolution of Agenda No. 21 of the Meeting of the Building Committee held on 05.05.2022. However, the proposal for Room No. 314 was not placed since the estimate was received on 06.05.2022. The relevant documents are placed at Annexure- 14A. Submitted for perusal and approval. Resolution Resolved that the proposal is approved except for Room No. 314 and Work Order be placed with PWD, Govt of West Bengal. Further resolved that in respect of Room No. 314, the proposal to be first placed before the building committee for evaluation. **15.** Application for The University received an application for encashment of leave leave from Mr. Shiharan Kumar Basu, Former Accounts encashment of Officer of the University. former The relevant documents are placed at Annexure – 15A. Accounts Submitted for perusal and further Officer Resolution The agenda is deferred. The matter to be placed before the Finance Committee along with the service file of the incumbent.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Smt. Sikha Sen
(Registrar(Acting))

Prof.(Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti (Vice-Chancellor)

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