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Minutes of 5th AGM of the University Court held on 25th February, 2023 at 11:00 AM at University Conference Hall, Sivasagar

Members Present

1. Prof. Debabrata Das, Vice Chancellor- Chairperson
2. Shri Rituraj Bora, IAS, Secretary, Cooperation Department, Govt. of Assam-Online
3. Shri Biswajit Phukan, Chairman, Assam State Cooperative Union--Online
4. Shri Chakradhar Gogoi, MLA, Moran LAC
5. Shri Sushanta Borgohain, MLA, Thowra LAC
6. Shri. Prafulla Kr. Saikia, Special Executive officer, Assam Food Civil Supplies Corporation, Chancellor's nominee
7. Dr. Amiya Kr. Sharma, Executive Director, Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (RGVN), Chancellor's nominee.
8. Ms. Faiza Almas Ahmed, student representative
9. Shri Subhankar Maitra, student representative
10. Dr. Rashida T. Noorain, Registrar i/c -Member Secretary
11. Dr. Mridusmita Das, Dean i/c-Invitee

Members Absent

1. Smti Nandita Garlosa. Hon'ble Minister, Cooperation, Government of Assam
2. Dr. Bhaskar Kr. Chakravarty, Retd. Professor Department of Law, Gauhati University, Chancellor's nominee
3. Prof. M.P Bezbaruah, Department of Economics, Gauhati University, Chancellor's nominee
4. Prof. Amrit Pal Singh, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University,Chancellor's nominee
5. Sri Narayan Konwar, IAS, Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam
6. Shri Naveen Dhingra, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Assam Regional Office
7. Shri Sanjeev Singha, Regional Director, RBI, Guwahati
8. Shri Anant Lal Gyani, IAS, Director of Agriculture, Assam
9. Prof. Kalpana Sarathy, Deputy Director TISS, Guwahati

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The Registrar i/c of the University, Dr. Rashida T. Noorain initiated the meeting and referred to the letter received from Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, vide no. GSA. 61/2017/83 dated 02.02.2023 wherein the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was allowed to preside over the Court meeting by virtue of the approval of the Hon'ble Chancellor. Upon this the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor assumed the Chair for the meeting. Thereafter, Shri Prafulla K. Saikia, Chancellor's nominee to the Court, presented three (3) no.s of books written by him to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as a token of respect. This followed felicitation of the members of the Court. Subsequently, the first newsletter of the University Volume I (Issue I) was released by the Vice chancellor and the Chancellor's Nominees, Dr. Amiya K Sharma and Shri Prafulla K Saikia.

Thereupon, the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the 5th AGM of Court delivered the Chairperson's opening remarks. The Chairperson welcomed the members present in person at the University campus, Sivasagar and the members present online. The Chairperson started the session with a positive message by welcoming the house and the student members and also mentioned that the best practice of the University will be by welcoming suggestions from the house for the upliftment of the University from every possible way. The Vice Chancellor welcomed Dr. Amiya Kr. Sharma and mentioned that being a development economist and a keen academician with ample experience in framing policies in areas of rural development & entrepreneurship; his advice and guidance will be of immense help for the betterment of the University. The Vice Chancellor welcomed and thanked Shri. Prafulla Kr. Saikia for being supportive since his association with the University and for his continued support to the University. The Vice Chancellor also welcomed Shri. Biswajit Phukan, Shri. Sushanta Borgohain & Shri. Chakradhar Gogoi, MLAs and requested for more help, guidance & suggestions to contribute in the policy making of the University. The Vice Chancellor also thanked the presence of Shri. Rituraj Bora, IAS, Ex-Officio Member and commended his interest towards the University and requested for advice and suggestions for the betterment of the University from a holistic perspective.

The Vice Chancellor thereupon called the meeting into order and invited Registrar i/c to present the agenda items of the 5th AGM Meeting of the Court. Each agenda of the meeting was discussed in detail, resolutions taken are as follows:

Item no.	Resolu tion no.	Discussion & Decisions Taken
1.		<p>Item Details: <u>Opening Remarks from the Chair</u></p> <p>As opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor gave a short glimpse of the activities of the University on his assuming the office of the Vice Chancellor of the University on 8th March 2022 beginning with inauguration of the University website in April, 2022. He expressed his unhappiness that, no grant was released for the University in the budget for FY 2021-2022. He conveyed that the University was shifted to Higher Education Department, however, no notification was obtained till then regarding the same. However, upon his constant communication with the Department the letter of change of administrative control was obtained by the University. He</p>

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		<p>highlighted the constraints faced by the University due to the non-receipt of financial assistance from the Govt. of Assam on a timely basis. The Chairperson also pointed out the fact that the University is lagging way behind in terms of infrastructure which is adversely affecting the admission for the existing courses. Despite running with a handful number of students, he appreciated the placement of the students and mentioned the efforts of the staff of the University in this regard on a positive note. He mentioned that the Education Minister had visited the University after his joining and even a proposal was sent to the Education Minister for release of funds for the University. Additionally, in view of NEP 2020, proposal has also been sent to the Govt. of Assam for the amendment of the Act where details about inter-disciplinary courses, departments, etc. has been mentioned. Despite repeated communication to the Govt. of Assam seeking financial assistance, the University has not received any financial assistance under the Non-Salary Budget of the State. However, the Salary Budget has been provisioned by the Govt. in 2022-23 and the University is on the receiving end on time. The Vice Chancellor mentioned the milestone achieved by the University, i.e., successful completion of the maiden Convocation of the University on 28th December 2022. Over 100 students were conferred degree by the then Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Shri. Jagdish Mukhi. The maiden Alumini meet has also been conducted on 27th December 2022 on a successful note and the process of formation of Alumni association was also initiated in the meet. Lastly, the release of the first Newsletter in the present Court meeting is also a milestone achieved, as mentioned by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.</p>
2.		<p>Item Details: <u>Confirmation of the resolutions and ATR of 4th AGM of University Court held on 30.12.2021.</u></p> <p>Decision: Confirmed</p>
3.	1/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Annual reporting of the University functioning for year 2022</u></p> <p>The University is currently running four PG Programmes and PhD programmes under its three schools. Besides, the University has been relentlessly working on uplifting the student and teaching fraternity through placements, academic writings, etc.</p> <p><i>The Annual Report for 2021-22 is placed for approval.</i></p> <p>Discussion: The Registrar (i/c) of the University cum Member Secretary of the Court meeting presented the Annual Report for 2021-22. The Court expressed satisfaction over the activities conducted so far.</p> <p>Decision: <i>The Court approved the same.</i></p>
4.	2/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Presentation of the Annual Audit Report for FY 2021-22</u></p> <p>The statutory audit of the University for the financial year 2021-22 has been successfully completed by CA Purab Agarwalla & Co.</p> <p><i>The Annual Audit Report is placed for approval</i></p> <p>Discussion: The Audit Report has been sent via post to the members, to which the members reported no remark and stated all in order as such no presentation</p>

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		<p>was made in the meeting.</p> <p>Decision: The Court approved the same.</p>
5.	3/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Discussion on Proposed Merger of the University and government funding and sanction of posts</u></p> <p>A committee was constituted by Government of Assam (HED) to complete the process of merger of the University and Sivasagar college and detail out other administrative and academic modalities. A meeting was held chaired by Adviser, Education Department and as advised draft Act has been designed jointly by the University & the college.</p> <p>The University is functioning with limited funding from the Government and limited teaching and non-teaching staff.</p> <p><i>The matter is placed for discussion</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Committee discussed in details about the future of the University. Shri. Sushanta Borgohain, Hon'ble MLA and member of the Court expressed keen interest in the growth and development of the University. He informed the House of the possibility of obtaining fund from NEC for infrastructure development. He also stated that the Hon'ble Chief Minister is also keen in developing the Cooperative sector. The Hon'ble MLA reiterated that University being the first Cooperative University in the country, two numbers of development proposals can be routed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister through the Education Minister, one for NEC and the second for onward movement to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Cooperation. The proposal to NEC should highlight the need for infrastructure and human resources for complying with the requirements for implementation of NEP 2020. He added that the proposal be made to include development of guest house in the permanent campus of the University which can be used beyond University purpose as well.</p> <p>One proposal to be sent to the Government of Assam at least a month prior to the Assembly session. The proposal must be made in a convincing manner given the promising nature of the cooperative sector. The proposals can aid in obtaining a handsome fund from the government State or Central on priority.</p> <p>In course of drafting the proposals, frequent discussions with the members of the Court to be planned accordingly.</p> <p>Proposal to be designed in such a way, where the University may be considered as a specialized University, the first of its kind in the country, focusing on aspects of cooperative development and management along with the placement records.</p> <p>Both the Members of Legislative Assembly univocally expressed their desire to take on the proposals and discuss with the Hon'ble Education Minister and Chief Minister for immediate attention and action. In that connection, the Court held the initiatives volunteered by the Hon'ble Members and requested to take the proposals in the desired manner.</p> <p>Decision: The Registrar i/c has been requested to make the proposals ready prior to the commencement of assembly session and coordinate with the Hon'ble Members and extend all support in sanction of funds by the Govt. of Assam in a planned manner.</p>

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6.	4/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Implementation of NEP 2020</u></p> <p>The University is pondering to initiate NEP 2020 in UG Programmes w.e.f. 2023-24. The academic framework is in place however, the constraints of faculty and infrastructure are intervening in executing the same.</p> <p><i>The matter is placed for discussion</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>The Registrar i/c presented the details about implementation of NEP 2020 and the Programmes prepared thereupon. The House appreciated the preparedness for NEP matter has been discussed in the meeting about implementation of NEP 2020 in UG Programmes w.e.f. 2023-24.</p>
7.	5.1/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Any other matter (with prior permission to the Chair)</u></p> <p><u>With permission of the chairperson, the Registrar i/c brought in about nomination of one Member from the University Court into the Executive council vide Section 29 (iv)</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The Court unanimously nominated Dr. Amiya Kr. Sharma into the University Executive Council</p>
8.	5.2/5	<p>Item Details: <u>Additional building on hire</u></p> <p>Decision: The Court decided that an additional building be hired for conducting short term programmes, trainings, etc. in the adjoining locality.</p>
9.		<p>Item Details: <u>Concluding remarks from the Chair</u></p> <p>The Hon'ble Chairperson expressed his gratitude in the keen interest of the members in the growth and development of the University. Towards the conclusion of the meeting, Shri Rituraj Bora, IAS, Secretary, Cooperation Department stated the special interest of the Cooperation Department in the upliftment of the University. Shri Bora highlighted about a meeting where Union Minister of Cooperation has shown special interest in boosting the cooperative sector right from the grassroot level. Thereupon, Shri Bora expressed his keen on joining hands with the Education Department and work together for the upliftment of the cooperative sector through initiatives of the University. He reiterated on initiation of Course Curriculum on Cooperative Management for capacity development programmes for the cooperatives and that the same shall aid in milestone progress of the University.</p> <p>The Chairperson concluded seeking unprecedented help from the Members and the Cooperation Department in the progress and in aiding future directions to the University.</p>

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Member Secretary.



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