

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
KOLKATA – 32

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 9th Executive Council, constituted for the period of 2016-2020 in terms of West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011 held on 16th of November 2016 at 4-00 p.m. in the Committee Room No. 1 of the University.

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor – in the Chair
2. Prof. A S Verma, Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Prof. Mahua Sarkar, Dean, Faculty Council of Arts
4. Prof. Somnath Ghosh, Dean, Faculty Council of Engg. & Tech.
5. Prof. Samaresh Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty Council of Science
6. Prof. Sugata Hazra, Dean, Faculty Council of ISLM
7. Prof. Swapan Goswami, Head, Department of Electrical Engg.
8. Prof. P. Venkateswaran, Head (Actg.), Dept. of ETCE
9. Prof. Avijit Gupta, Head, Department of English
10. Dr. Madhuja Mukherjee, Head, Dept. of Film Studies
11. Prof. Lakshmi Sivaramakrishnan, Head, Dept. of Geography
12. Prof. Subrata Karmakar, Head, Dept. of Geological Sciences
13. Prof. Rup Kumar Barman, HoD, Department of History
14. Dr. Bibhas Chandra Dhara, Head, Dept. of Information Tech.
15. Prof. Rajani Kanta Mudi, Head, Dept. of Instn. & Electronics Engg.
16. Prof Anup Kumar Ghosh, Head, Dept. of Instrumentation Sc.
17. Dr. Kakali Sengupta, HoD, Deptt. of Int. Relations
18. Prof. Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Chancellor's Nominee
19. Mr. Samir Kumar Ghosh- FA to Govt. of WB, Deptt. of HE., Bikash Bhawan.

At the outset of the meeting, the members of the Council observed one minutes' silence to pay homage to the following persons:

Mita Mandal - Former student of JU
Sanghamitra Banerjee - Tolly Wood Actress
P.B. Dutta - Cricketer

The Vice Chancellor introduced Mr. Samir Kumar Ghosh, FA to Govt. of WB., to all the members of the Executive Council.

The Vice Chancellor requested the Finance Officer to present before the members the Budget for the year 2017-18 and the Revised Budget for the year 2016-17.

The Finance Officer reported that the Budget has two components : (1) Non-Plan head for recurring/maintenance expenditure, which are essential in nature and (2) Plan head for Development expenditure, which are planned and spent on actual receipt basis only. Besides there are (3) Research Budget and (4) Endowment Budgets.

He further reported that the funding for maintenance of the University is disbursed by the State Govt. under two heads, as follows:

A. Salary Grants:: For payment of Salary including contribution to PF, Pension and other such benefits, State-funded scholarships; now released under COSA. We claim funds under COSA on actual basis for every month, under two annexures, as prescribed by the Govt. In last year [2015-16] we had received a sum of Rs.164.77 Crores towards Salary, Pension and other essential expenditure. Earlier before introduction of COSA, we had tied over the situation with the mixing Non-plan grants (Salary & Non-salary together). We had tried earlier to bridge the gap with funds from 'Own generations' and also combining two sources of the Govt. grants, as per guidelines provided in the GO No.: 649-Edn(T) Dated 31.10.2006. But after implementation of COSA, the situation is critical, as the salary grants will cover only salary, pension and other admissible expenditures, as per GO for the persons in position, every month.

After introduction of COSA, the payments to the contractual Teachers and staff, manpower agency payments and many more items earlier included in the Salary Grants are not being allowed out of Salary grants, as we charged earlier. These are leading to acute pressure on the Non-salary grants, which is already running under huge deficit.

The Govt. nominee pointed out that the claims for the contractual Teachers & Staff and Manpower Agency payments will be allowed henceforth, on request. Registrar will take up the issue with the Govt. for a solution.

B. Other Grants (Non-Salary grants):: For payment of various essential Non-salary expenditures under various approved heads of items, which includes all the activities of the University to live in, like Electricity, Telephone, Internet, Equip maint., Building maint., Library activities, incl Journals and Periodicals and e-books and journals, Exam expenses, all departmental/lab & research activities covered in the JU Budget and so on. This fund is released by the Govt., in four quarterly installments, where till date we got no funds this year till date. Entire expenditure is being incurred from our fund, as a crucial matter of fund management.

Our requirement of funds under this count and the fund flow from the Govt. has wide gap since long and a series of presentation yielded no such positive result. In the last year 2015-16, we got Rs. 19.37 Crores from the State Govt., which is almost the same as paid last year. The agreed principles of enhancement of Budget by 10% every year has also not been honoured, as the grants is stagnant at Rs.20.00 Crores during last three years.

Whereas the requirement of essential non-plan/non-salary expenditure was more than Rs. 44 Crores, which is really a problematic affairs for fund management. This will aggravate further for disallowance under COSA many salary and manpower related items; where the

requirement may reach to Rs.50.00 Cr this year. We had tried earlier to bridge the gap with funds from 'Own generations' and also combining two sources of the Govt. grants, as per guidelines provided in the GO No.: 649-Edn(T) Dated 31.10.2006, which will not be possible after implementation of COSA.

The Govt. appointed Review Committee recommendations are also not followed by the Govt., based on which the Govt. is supposed to provide at least Rs. 39.00 Crores in 2016-17.

The Govt. grants is almost 50% of our requirements. If this situation continues, we may have to resort to overdraft from bank to pay salaries and meet essential expenditures, which was a routine affair in the 1990s.

Considering the overall position, there is a necessity of soul-searching and proper look to the problem, to get sufficient funds from Govt.(specially under Non-salary heads); else the shortfall may lead to 'overdraft'.

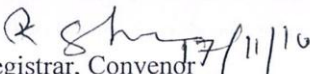
The Executive Council unanimously accepted the budget proposals with the following modifications/suggestions, including those pointed out by the Finance Committee:

1. The Non-salary non-plan grants need to be enhanced at least by Rs.10.00 Cr., over and above Rs.20.00 cr. of the present allotment, to meet the huge deficit under the head, after the introduction of COSA. Govt. be moved accordingly and the FA to HE deptt., Govt. of WB has suggested us to write to Govt. again in the matter.
2. The salary of contractual Teachers/Staff, payments to agencies for manpower hiring need also to be covered under COSA Salary grants and the FA to HE deptt., Govt. of WB has suggested us to write to Govt. again in the matter.
3. Since long, we are not receiving any grants for development purposes from the state Govt.; Govt. be moved for the same and apprise for further grants under Plan head.
4. Total maintenance Grants received from the State Govt. is Rs.184.14Crores during the year 2016-17; other than Plan grants, NSS grants, Seminar grants etc., which need to be rectified in the draft Budget circulated.
5. As per latest Times-Higher Education ranking, our University is No.-1 in the country and deserves some special support from the State Govt., in order to ensure academic excellence. The Vice Chancellor will move to the Govt. to run the activities smoothly.
6. Members pointed out that the evening programmes are run in the University requires support from the Govt. to cater the needs of the society.
7. The University is purchasing huge instruments, of several crores every years, under research support from the various central funding agencies, where the maintenance and AMC support after the programme is really essential and need to be covered under maintenance grants, which is to be looked into for the enhancement of Non-plan grants for our University.

Finally, the Executive Council accepted and recommended under Non-plan (Recurring head) the Revised Budget for the year 2016-17 of Rs.331.99 Cr (incl. Scholarships/ Fellowships under DBT) and the Budget for the year 2017-18 of Rs.335.40 Cr. (incl. Scholarships/ Fellowships under DBT) for approval by the Court.

The Executive Council also accepted and recommended under Plan head, the Revised Budget for the year 2016-17 of Rs.65.30 Cr and the Budget for the year 2017-18 of Rs.65.30 Cr. for approval by the Court.

The resolution be taken as confirmed.


Registrar, Convener


Vice Chancellor, Chairman

Date: 17th November 2016.