

**JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
KOLKATA – 32**

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the 9th **Executive Council**, constituted for the period from 2016-2020 in terms of West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2011, held on **Monday, the 27th of November, 2017 at 3-00 p.m.** in the Committee Room No. I of the University.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor
 Prof. Ashish Swarup Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor
 Dr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor
 Prof. Narendra Kumar Singh Gaur, Chancellor's Nominee
 Sri Samir Kumar Ghosh, Financial Advisor, Govt. of W. Bengal, Higher Education Dept.
 Sri Manojit Mandal, Nominee of Chairman of west Bengal State Council of Higher Education Department
 Prof. Subhasis Biswas, Dean, Faculty Council of Arts
 Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, Dean, Faculty Council of Engg. & Tech.
 Prof. Subrata Nath Koner, Dean, Faculty Council of Science
 Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, HoD, Lib. & Inf. Sc.
 Prof. Dipankar Sanyal, HoD Mechanical Engg.
 Prof. Pravash Chandrea Chakraborti, HoD Met. & Mat. Engg.
 Prof. Atashee Chatterjee Sinha, HoD Philosophy
 Dr. Gopal Chandra Saha, HoD, Physical Education
 Prof. Amitava Datta, HoD, Power Engineering
 Prof. Kanai Chandra Paul, HoD Printing Engineering
 Prof. Arunanshu Sekhar Kuar, HoD Production Engg.

1. Considered and approve the **Budget Estimates** for the year 2018-2019 and the **Revised Budget** for the year 2017-2018.

The Vice Chancellor requested the Finance Officer to present before the members the Budget for the year 2018-19 and the Revised Budget for the year 2017-18.

The funding for maintenance Revenue (Non-Plan funds) is disbursed by the Govt. under two heads, as follows:

Salary Grants:: For payment of Salary including contribution to PF, Pension and other such benefits, State-funded scholarships; normally released quarterly. In the last financial year [2016-17] we had received a sum of Rs. 170.75 Crores. As per COSA rules, the Govt. is paying full claim admissible thereof.

Till 2014-15, we had tied over the situation with the curtailment in the Budget and also 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.

After introduction of COSA, all extra allowances (Exam, PT, Special etc.), Contractual employees' salary, manpower agency payments and some more items earlier included in the Salary Grants is not covered out of Salary grants, as we charged earlier. These will

lead to acute pressure on the Non-salary grants, which already running under huge deficit, need to be rationalised by the University.

It is committed by the Govt. that the full salary grants against sanctioned posts will be released, as required.

3.2 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 maintenance, Building maintenance, Library activities, Journals and Periodicals and e-Journals & e-books, Examination expenses, all departmental/lab & research activities covered in the JU Budget and so on.

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.

Under Non-salary heads, there are continuous shortfall of grants released by the Govt., which is not commensurate to the JU requirements. A tabular picture is given below for perusal of members. It is seen that although there is a substantial increase in grants over the years starting 2007-08 to 2016-17, still there is a situation of shortfall, requires attention.

DETAILS OF MAINTAINANCE GRANT [SALAY & NON-SALARY] FOR LAST 10 FINANCIAL YEARS

Financial Year	Maintenance Grant [Salary Grant]	Addl Maint. Grant [Non-Salary Grants]	Total
2007-08	763,764,000	82,164,000	845,928,000
2008-09	819,898,835	104,305,300	924,204,135
2009-10	1,482,394,201	113,735,700	1,596,129,901
2010-11	1,591,507,100	74,805,000	1,666,312,100
2011-12	1,416,750,000	132,988,000	1,549,738,000
2012-13	1,600,000,000	130,000,000	1,730,000,000
2013-14	1,625,000,000	145,700,000	1,770,700,000
2014-15	1,566,848,357	206,903,000	1,773,751,357
2015-16	1,647,744,715	193,664,000	1,841,408,715
2016-17	1,707,562,332	178,886,000	1,886,448,332

There is urgent need of either (i) to curtail the expenditure level, or (ii) to increase the inflow of funds to the desired level, to bridge the wide-gap between the inflow and outflow of funds. The Vice Chancellor assured that necessary steps will be taken to bring more funds from the State Govt.

Under instruction from the Govt. all the kitchens of the hostels are being now out-sourced with man-power agencies, where a sum of Rs.2.00 cr is being spent, which is neither provided to us

under Non-plan salary grants, neither under Non-salary grants, leading to huge pressure in fund management. On the other hand, security and house-keeping agencies engaged by the University to tide over the situation for increase in the requirement of additional manpower is covered with hiring of manpower through the agencies, where a sum of Rs.2.00 cr is being spent; which is neither provided to us under Non-plan salary grants, neither under Non-salary grants, leading to huge pressure in fund management.

As per recommendation of the Govt. appointed Review Committee, constituted by the State Govt. in 1994, the State Govt. is supposed to release Non-plan grant on non-salary component at Rs. 462.54 lakh (for the year 1995-96), with an incremental rise @10% p.a. Accordingly, the amount of grants should have come at Rs.39 Crores in the year 2016-17 and Rs.43 Crores in the current year.

The issue is discussed in details and members agreed that the Executive Council should consider the matter and also to take steps to bridge the wide gap of receipts and expenditures under Non-plan head.

The items of expenditure those are not accepted by the Govt. for release of funds, after implementation of COSA are as follows:

- (i) Salary of the Contractual Teachers & staff,**
- (ii) Liability for various allowances in vogue in JU,**
- (iii) The payments towards the engagement of agencies for manpower engaged in hostels, sweeping, security etc.**

Further the funds under Non-salary heads, we are receiving less than 50% of our requirement since last few years requires attention. FA of the Govt. suggested to include the expenditure under the manpower agencies under Non-salary head, instead of Salary; where already we had shortfall. As to other two head he said the Govt. will not take responsibility of the same.

Resolved that the EC be requested to take steps for rationalization of the expenditure and receipts, as well, as required to tide over the situation.

Resolved that under Non-Plan head the Budget Estimates for the year 2018-19 for Rs.344.19 Crores and the Revised Estimates of Rs.331.45 Crores for the Revised Estimates for the year 2017-18 and under Plan head the Budget Estimates for the year 2018-19 for Rs.30.15 Crores and the Revised Estimates of Rs.22.19 Crores for the Revised Estimates for the year 2017-18 be approved for onward transmission to the Court and State Govt.

Further resolved that a committee be constituted with the following members to review the matters, for non-release of funds by the State Govt. on these heads; (i) To consider the fees

revision of evening courses, to recover actual costs of the courses; (ii) To consider rationalization of the huge numbers of heads of PT and Special allowances, in vogue, for reducing huge deficit under the head, (iii) To suggest means of revenue generation, as possible. The Committee shall submit it's report within January 2018.

The members are:

1. Prof. A S Verma- Chairman
2. Four Deans
3. Prof. Udayan Bhattachryya,
4. Prof. Arghya Deb
5. HOD-Civil
6. HOD-Electrical
7. HOD- Mechanical
8. The Registrar
9. The Finance Officer-Convener

The committee will co-opt members from Associations, as it seems essential.