



Rabindra Bharati University

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Proceedings of the 57th Meeting of the Executive Council (E.C.) held on 25.08.2023 (Friday) at 4.00p.m. in the Bankimchandra Sabhakaksha (Committee Room) of Emerald Bower Campus of the University.

The following members were present:

1. Hon'ble Shri Subhro Kamal Mukherjee, Vice Chancellor & Chairman
 2. Professor Swati Ghosh, Dean, Faculty of Arts
 3. Professor Debasish Mandal, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts
 4. Professor Paula Sengupta, Dean, Faculty of Visual Arts
 5. Professor Sandip Kumar Chakraborty, Head, Department of Sculpture
 6. Dr. Nupur Ganguly, Head, Department of Vocal Music
 7. Professor Prankrishna Paul, Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education,
Extension Work and Field Outreach
 8. Professor Jyotsna Chattopadhyay, Head, Department of Bengali
 9. Dr. Santanu Das, Head, Department of Drama
 10. Professor Prankrishna Paul, Head, Department of Economics
 11. Professor Bharati Banerjee, Head, Department of Education
 12. Dr. Jayeeta Ray, Head, Department of English
 13. Dr. Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri, Chancellor nominee
- Dr. Subir Maitra, Registrar acted as the Secretary.

Hon'ble Shri Subhro Kamal Mukherjee, Vice Chancellor & Chairman presided over the meeting. Before the formal discussion of the meeting began, one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to recently deceased persons, as noted below :

Bikash Sinha – Nuclear Physicist

C.R. Rao – Statistical Scientist

Mohammed Habib – Former Indian Football Captain

During Zero Hour, the Executive Council noted the letter received from Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti, Nominee of the State Council of Higher Education, wherein certain observations were raised against conduct of the meeting of the Executive Council under the Chairmanship of the present incumbent. The chairperson, however, referred to the order of the Hon'ble Chancellor vide which he had been “authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor” (through letter No. CU/WB/12/23 dated 4th July, 2023). It was thus unanimously decided by the Hon'ble Members to continue with the proceedings, since presiding over the meetings of the Executive Council was considered one of the vital functions of the Vice-Chancellor. The house was also apprised that necessary intimation regarding the present and previous meetings had already been forwarded to the Higher Education Department, GoWB for requisite concurrences as per rules.

Agenda Item No. 1

To report the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on the decisions of the last E.C. meeting dated 04.08.2023.

Resolutions

The Executive Council noted and accepted the actions taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Agenda Item No. 2

To report the action taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on the decisions of the last E.C. meeting dated

Resolutions

The Executive Council noted and accepted the actions taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Agenda Item No.3

To decide about payment of arrear of daily rated workers from 01.01.2015 to February, 2023 at the rate approved by the Finance Committee vide its meeting held on 12.04.2023.

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed about payment of arrears to daily rated workers from 01.01.2015 to February, 2023 at the rate approved by the Finance Committee vide its meeting held on 12.04.2023. After due discussion, it was resolved to pay the arrear for the said period on the basis of the Finance Officer's clarifications regarding total financial implications thereof and his positive feedback on feasibility of making such payment at one go.

Agenda Item No.4

To consider the recommendations of the meetings of the Faculty Councils' of Arts & Visual Arts.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered the recommendations of the meetings of the Faculty Councils' of Arts & Visual Arts held on 07.08.2023 and accepted the same.

(Resolutions are attached)

Agenda Item No.5

To report the recommendations of P.F. Committee meetings held on 16.08.2023.

Resolutions

The Executive Council noted and approved the recommendations of the Provident fund Committee (P.F.) meeting held on 16.08.2023 regarding non-refundable Loan from Subscription of following employees:

Sl. No.	Name of the employee	Amount (Rs.)
1	Somnath Bhattacharya (E.Code.000290)	1,50,000.00
2	Biswajit Bhattacharya (E.Code .000561)	10,20,000.00
3	Sanjib Das (E.Code .000745)	3,37,000.00

Agenda Item No.6

To consider the appeal of Shri Subodh Dutta Chowdhury, Sr. Attendant (Employee Code : 827) regarding refundable loan of his subscription fund.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered the appeal of Shri Subodh Dutta Chowdhury, Sr. Attendant (Employee Code : 827) regarding refundable loan out of his subscription fund and approved the same. It was further resolved to recover the loan, thus granted, as per the relevant financial rules in vogue.

Agenda Item No.7

To discuss the application of Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University for extension of lien for 3 (three) more months from the forenoon of 2 September, 2023. (under item 11 of the E.C. meeting on 04.08.2023).

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed the application of Dr. DebashisBandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of English, RabindraBharati University for extension of lien for 3 (three) more months from the forenoon of 2 September, 2023 (under item 11 of the E.C. meeting on 04.08.2023). The Council also considered another appeal submitted by Professor Bandyopadhyay on 22.08.2023 regarding granting extension

of such lien by one year instead of 03 months, as requested earlier, with effect from the abovementioned date. Dr. DebashisBandyopadhyay is holding permanent post of Professor in the Department of English of this university. He has been asked by the Hon'ble Chancellor to act as the interim Vice-Chancellor of KaziNazrul University. Lien is his right. Moreover, the Executive Council, taking note of the circular issued by the Secretariat of the Hon'ble Chancellor, vide No. 891-S dated 22.8.2023, resolved to extend the said lien by one year w.e.f 02.9.2023 (forenoon) in order to enable Professor Bandyopadhyay to discharge the functions as Vice Chancellor of KaziNazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal.

Agenda Item No.8

To discuss the appeal for continuation of service of Shri Balaram Mazumder, Hostel Super (Contractual), w.e.f. 05.07.2023, who had earlier sought to resign.

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed the appeal for continuation of service of Shri Balaram Mazumder, Hostel Super (Contractual), w.e.f. 05.07.2023, who had earlier sought to resign. Keeping in view the smooth functioning and close monitoring of the hostel, the Executive Council resolved to engage Sri Mazumder as hostel super at the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Boys Hostel for a period of six months w.e.f. 05.07.2023 in line with earlier E.C Resolution dated18.07.2023 (vide Agenda Item No 1).

It was further resolved by the Executive Council that adequate number of lady security personnel would be engaged through reputed private security agency and deployed at the Girls' Hostels of this University.

Agenda Item No.9

To decide on the next Director, Performing Arts Therapy Centre after retirement of Professor Goutam Nag, Professor, Department of Instrumental Music.

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed about the next Director, Performing Arts Therapy Centre after retirement of Professor Goutam Nag, Professor, Department of Instrumental Music and resolved that Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts be designated as the ex-officio Director of the Performing Arts Therapy Centre of this University.

Agenda Item No.10

To consider the recommendations of BOS of various departments.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Boards of Studies /DRC of the various departments under the Faculty of Arts & Visual Arts, as mentioned below.

Faculty of Arts :

Date of BOS / DRC Meeting	Department	Subject : Course/Syllabus
29/03/2023 (DRC)	English	Modification of syllabus of Ph.D Course work, implement from the academic session 2023-2024
19.07.2023	Enlish	New syllabus for 4 year UG programmes as per Course & Credit Frame Work
31.03.2023 & 16.07.2023	Economics	(i) Ph.D. Coursework Syllabus : 2022-2023 & onwards . (ii) New syllabus for 4 year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
15.06.2023	Sociology	Interdisciplinary and Common Valu-added Courses for 4years UG Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interdisciplinary Courses : (i) Sociology of Environment (ii) Gender and Society• Common Value-added Courses : (i) Society and Culture in India (ii) Health and Well-being

17.07.2023	Disability Studies	New syllabus for 4year UG programmes as per Course & Credit Frame B.Ed. Spl.Ed. (Hearing Impairment) & the Syllabus of B.Ed. Spl. Ed. (Visual Impairment)
22.06.2023	Hindi	New syllabus for AEC Syllabus- MIL -3.1, 4.2
22.06.2023 & 20.07.2023	Library & Information Science	(i) 2 years Integrated 2 years Post Graduate Programme on Master of Library & Information Science Session- 2023-2024 Syllabus : CC-Core Course, CEC-Compulsory Elective Course, OEC-Open Elective Course (ii) One year M.Lib.I.Sc. Session-2023-2024 . Interdisciplinary and Common Value-added Courses for 4years UG Programmes
13.7.2023	Sanskrit	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
17.07.2023	Philosophy	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
14.07.2023	History	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
18.07.2023	ENVS	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
17.07.2023	Bengali	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
18.07.2023	Political Science	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
12.07.2023	Sculpture	B.F.A. in Sculpture, of the first two semesters of the course structure for NEP to be implemented from August, 2023.
17.07.2023	Painting	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
17.07.2023	Applied Art	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
10.07.2023	History of Art	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work
11.7.2023	Graphics- Printmaking	New syllabus for 4year UG Programmes as per Course & Credit Frame work

Agenda Item No.11

To nominate the members of the Sports Board of the university as constituted by the Executive Council (E.C.) dated 18.04.2022.

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed regarding nomination of members of the Sports Board of the university as constituted by the Executive Council (E.C.) dated 18.04.2022 and resolved that the composition of the Sports' Board would be as follows :-

01	Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
02	Sports Officer	Convenor
03	Secretary, Faculty Councils	
04	Nominated by Executive Council from Teachers	Left to Hon'ble V.C.
05	Nominated by Executive Council from Students	Sri Abhijit Purokayat, M.A. Sanskrit
06	Nominated by Executive Council from Non-teaching Staff	Left to Hon'ble V.C.
07	External Expert, Nominated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor :	Sri Surajit Sengupta / Sri Gautam Sarkar

Agenda Item No.12

To discuss the application of Mr. Vipul Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur regarding signing of Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") between Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, in respect of the collaborative research project entitled "Studying Cognitive Similarity of Music using Deep Embeddings and Behavioral Studies with Applications in Music Search and Pedagogy" sanctioned under the Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India vide D.O. No. DST/CSRI/2021/685 dt. 30.12.2022.

Resolutions

The Executive Council discussed about the application of Mr. Vipul Arora, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur regarding signing of Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") between Indian Institute of

Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, in respect of the collaborative research project entitled “Studying Cognitive Similarity of Music using Deep Embeddings and Behavioral Studies with Applications in Music Search and Pedagogy” sanctioned under the Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India vide D.O. No. DST/CSRI/2021/685 dt. 30.12.2022. Upon due deliberations, the Executive Council appreciated and approved the said proposal.

Misc.Agenda Item No.13(i)

To consider the prayer of some Ph.D. scholars of the University regarding a special extension to clear their backlog RAC, who were admitted in the Ph.D. Programme as per RBU Ph.D. Regulations, 2016.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered the prayer of some Ph.D. scholars of the University regarding a special extension to clear their backlog RAC, who were admitted in the Ph.D. Programme as per RBU Ph.D. Regulations, 2016 and resolved to grant such extension for a upto 31.10.2023 with respect to following research scholars :-

Sl. No.	Department	Name of the Ph.D. Scholar	Supervisor	Date of Admission	No. of RAC meeting due
01.	Political Science	Sri Sourav Bag	Dr. Sourish Jha	12.02.2019	Two (02)
02	English	Sri Prabodh Mandal	Prof. Soma Banerjee	03.03.2020	Three (03)
03	Education	Smt. Chayanika Dutta	Dr. Jonaki Bhattacharya	12.02.2019	Seven (07)

Misc.Agenda Item No.13(ii)

To consider the prayer of some Ph.D. Scholars of the University regarding a special extension of duration of Ph.D. Programme.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered the prayer of some Ph.D. Scholars of the University regarding a special extension of duration of Ph.D. Programme, since the entire period of Covid – 19 pandemic fell within the duration of their Ph.D programme, severely affecting their research activities. After due discussion, the Executive Council resolved to forward the matter to the University Grants Commission for necessary clarifications, since no such permission / guidelines had been issued by the UGC till date with respect to the same.

Misc.Agenda Item No.13(iii)

To note the application of Joint Registrar regarding rectification of Resolutions of Executive Council (E.C.) meeting dated 01.06.2023 (under Agenda Item No.16) in respect of the Scholar, Smt. Indrani Pal Halder, Department of Drama.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered the note of the Examination Department regarding rectification of Resolutions of E.C. meeting dated 01.06.2023 (under Agenda Item No.16) in respect of the Scholar, Smt. Indrani Pal Halder, Department of Drama and after threadbare discussion, resolved to refer the same to the higher degree committee so as to look into matter in right perspective and explore the feasibility of referring the thesis to the third adjudicator, if any. Subsequently, the resolutions of the higher degree committee may be placed before the Council in order to take a considered view on it.

Misc.Agenda Item No.13(iv)

To consider prayer of Professor Sahara Ahmed, Head, Department of Environmental Studies regarding engagement of 2/3 full-time contractual teachers for the Environmental Studies Department.

Resolutions

The Executive Council considered prayer of Professor Sahara Ahmed, Head, Department of Environmental Studies regarding engagement of 3 full-time contractual teachers for the Environmental Studies Department and decided to engage three (03) Assistant Professors on full-time contractual basis in the

Department of Environmental Studies for smooth functioning of the department at a consolidated monthly remuneration as determined by the Finance Committee from time to time for contractual posts of Assistant Professors of this University (the present consolidated remuneration being Rs.57700/- (per month). The post would be filled-up initially for a period of one year. Re-engagement at the same capacity would be incumbent upon satisfactory performance and actual requirement projected by the Head of the Department.

Misc.Agenda Item No.13(v)

To discuss about queries raised by some members during the meeting regarding implementation of 4 year UG programme.

Resolution

The Executive Council discussed about certain queries raised by some members during the meeting with respect to the minor subjects to be taught and the academic calendar to be followed for implementation of the four- year UG programme at the University.

Upon due deliberations, the executive Council directed Secretary, Faculty Councils to hold meeting with all Deans/ HODs/ TICs/ Coordinators of all academic departments to discuss and determine the 'Master Routine' at the earliest.

There being no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-
(Dr. Subir Maitra)
Registrar &
Secretary, the Executive Council

Sd/-
(Shri Subhro Kamal Mukherjee)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman,
the Executive Council