

- **JNUTA Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 20 February, 2013**

1. Housing:

1. The GBM ratified the demand to change the existing allotment ratio of type 4 houses between teaching and non teaching members of the university to better reflect the current composition of these two categories of staff. It demanded that immediate steps should be taken by the administration to this effect in view of the ongoing faculty recruitment process.
2. All houses should be appropriately renovated and provisions for two toilets be made in all type 4 houses.
3. Money should be earmarked for repairing houses, and this budget should be made public.
4. Some faculty demanded reduction/abolition of debarment related to non acceptance of housing on grounds that such rejections, in some situations, are done due to reasons beyond one's control. The GBM, however, felt that abolishing this provision would not be in the best interest of new entrants, or those lower in the priority list of housing. However, the HAC may consider reducing the period of debarment from the existing one year to six months.

2. UGC/MHRD Guidelines

1. The president informed the GBM that the MHRD is opposed to scrapping the API. He also informed that the Ministry is favourable to changing the promotion scheme to 9+6, as proposed by the JNUTA.
2. The GBM urged that the administration should initiate a discussion with the ministry to get it implemented soon. At the same time, JNUTA should also initiate negotiations with appropriate bodies to get this demand of the teaching community fulfilled.

3. CAS and past experience

1. The GBM felt that the implementation of the newly designed API system in recent cases of CAS promotions have suffered from arbitrariness and subjectivity. Accordingly, it proposed to form a committee comprising **Professor Gulshan Sachdeva (Convenor), Dr D K Lobiya, Dr Dipendra Nath Das and Dr Preeti Das**, to suggest the body on how such subjectivities can be done away with. The Committee in drafting its report will consult with Prof Varun Sahani. The committee would submit its report to the JNUTA within a month's period.
2. A meeting would be called of all concerned faculty to discuss and frame the demands to be placed before the committee looking into the issues of past experience.

4. Finance rule and its implications

1. The GBM ratified the 7 member committee formed in the JNUTA's meeting with concerned faculty on 12 February, 2013 to suggest amendments to regulatory provisions related to projects and finance. The members of this committee are: **Professor Alok Bhattacharya (Convenor), Professor KJ**

Mukherjee, Professor Sudha Bhattacharya, Dr S Gourinath, Professor Amit Shovon Ray, President, JNUTA and Secretary, JNUTA.

2. It was learnt that the committee headed by Professor Prasenjit Sen has taken many steps to remove difficulties in handling projects, and the report is due to be submitted very soon. The GBM demanded that the report should be made public for wider consultation. It also mandated the 7-member committee formed by the JNUTA to review the findings of Sen Committee report and suggest modifications, if necessary. All faculty members are requested to send their suggestions to the members of this committee. The committee would finalise its findings within a months period.

5. CGHS facility, post-retirement

1. The GBM learnt that the School of Architecture and Planning has been able to get it done for its retired employees. The administration should get in touch with this institute to get the details of this case, and take it up with the concerned ministry.

6. CPF/GPF of 60 faculty members

1. It is decided that The President and Secretary of the JNUTA would be in touch with Professor Varun Sahani to collect evidences of some resolved cases from other universities to impress upon the JNUTA administration to solve this long pending cases internally.

7. Library

1. The library card of the central library should also be valid in all departmental libraries.
2. The 'Monday display' of newly arrived books should be re introduced.
3. Since we are discontinuing with hard copies of many journals, the money saved should be used to buy printers for the faculty lounge in the central library. This will help the young faculty in a major way, given that the university does not pay for cartridges.

8. Worker' issue

1. Following observations made by a faculty member, a committee has been constituted to look into the problems faced by the daily wagers in the campus. The members of this committee **are Dr Moushumi Basu (Convenor), Dr Asish Agnihotri and Dr Y S Alone.** This committee will give its report within a month and the JNUTA will accordingly chalk out its action plan.

9. Computers

1. Many colleagues complained that their computers have become outdated. The JNUTA demand immediate replacement of old computers by new ones.

2. Computers bought using Capacity Build-up fund should be brought under JNU's maintenance procedure.

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