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**Third Meeting of the Governing Body  
Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023**

**Time: 11:30 A.M.**

**Venue: Conference Room, GIMT Building, Guwahati.**

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Alak K. Buragohain, Hon'ble Chancellor        | -Chairperson              |
| 2. Prof. Kandarpa Das, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor         | -Member                   |
| 3. Shri. Jasodaranjan Das, President, SSA Society      | -Member                   |
| 4. Shri. Bijoyananda Chowdhury, Secretary, SSA         | -Member                   |
| 5. Smt. Gita Das Chowdhury, Treasurer, SSA             | -Member                   |
| 6. Dr. Jayanta Deka, Dean, AAU                         | -Member (Attended online) |
| 7. Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Professor, IIT, Guwahati | -Member                   |
| 8. Shri. Arabinda Rahang, Member, SSA                  | -Member                   |
| 9. Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA                    | -Member                   |
| 10. Dr. Dipankar Saha, Registrar                       | -Member                   |

**AGENDA:**

Agenda No.	Agenda Items
GB.3/2023-08/01	Welcome Address and the Appraisal Report of the Vice Chancellor
GB.3/2023-08/02	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Body meeting dated 13/12/2022
GB.3/2023-08/03	Action taken report on the Resolutions of the last Governing Body meeting dated 13/12/2023
GB.3/2023-08/04	Approval of the modifications of the First Statute of the University submitted to the Government of Assam as per directives of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam
GB.3/2023-08/05	Report on implementation of NEP 2020
GB.3/2023-08/06	Report on Admissions for the session 2023-2024 (UG, PG, PhD & Diploma)
GB.3/2023-08/07	Ratification of the Resolutions of the Academic Council meeting held on 17/07/2023
GB.3/2023-08/08	Ratification of the formation of various Schools, Departments and Centres of the University.
GB.3/2023-08/09	Ratification of the Draft Policies of the University.
GB.3/2023-08/10	Action Plan for the next five years(2024-2029) (Institutional Development Plan)
GB.3/2023-08/11	Any other matter.
GB.3/2023-08/12	Vote of Thanks

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### Third Meeting of the Governing Body GB.3/2023 dated 31st August, 2023

The third meeting of the Governing body was held with the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University, Professor Alak K. Buragohain in the Chair. At the outset, the Hon'ble Chancellor and Chairperson of the Governing Body extended a warm welcome to the members. The Chairperson then requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to apprise the members regarding various activities and initiatives taken by the University since the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

#### Agenda GB.3/2023-08/01: Appraisal Report of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

Professor Kandarpa Das, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor gave a brief appraisal about the preparedness of the University for the upcoming academic session, especially in view of the implementation of the NEP 2020.

As per decisions of the last Governing Body meeting, various academic programs were designed and implemented after due consideration of the Academic Council. Professor Das stated three majors steps related to the academic activities of the GCU.

Firstly, the starting of the academic activities of the University began as per the academic calendar of the GCU along with the introduction of PhD programmes, wherein, the first phase of PhD admissions were conducted as per the guidelines of the UGC and relevant regulation of the University. Professor Das stated that the admission process for the PhD for the ensuing session is also in progress

Secondly, with the establishment of the GCU, the University has completed the formalities for affiliation of all the academic programmes (PG, UG and Diploma) that were earlier affiliated to the Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU) under the GCU. The third important task completed by the University was to establish the University as a multidisciplinary University, as per the mandate of the Government of Assam and the National Education Policy 2020. The University established various new Schools of Studies, restructured the GIMT and GIPS and introduced various new academic programmes, Professor Das stated.

Additionally, Prof. Das mentioned that the University has established the Examination Cell in order to conduct the forthcoming examination of the University. The University also launched a **Special Fee Waiver Scheme** for the students coming from Manipur who have suffered or were displaced due to recent disturbances in Manipur.

As a part of NEP implementation, the University has launched two Foreign Language Courses (Japanese and French) in its curricula from the academic session 2023-2024.

The University has finalized the new **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)** system from a company called ACADEMIA.

Prof. Das also mentioned that in order to record various activities of the University (Academic, Co-curricular and Extension) and events organized at the University; the University has been publishing a **News Bulletin** since March 1, 2023 to showcase these events and activities as well as to record those for official purpose.

In order to prepare the University for the accreditation by the NAAC, the University has constituted a **NAAC Steering Committee** to monitor and execute the process of relevant documentation of all the activities and achievements of the University.

Professor Das mentioned about the organization of the various Academic Departments (25) and a **Centre for Multidisciplinary Research Studies** of the University into six Schools offering 58





programs, as detailed below:

School of Engineering and Technology:  $10 + 4 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 18$

School of Pharmaceutical Sciences:  $4 + 4 = 8$

School of Management and Commerce:  $2 + 2 = 4$

School of Natural Sciences:  $5 + 5 = 10$

School of Paramedical and Allied Health Sciences: 1

School of Humanities and Social Sciences:  $9 + 8 = 17$

Total : 58 programmes

and PhD programmes in all disciplines

Professor Das mentioned that 42 faculties have been appointed so far in the various Schools of the university in both Guwahati and Tezpur campuses. The University has also entered into **Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)** with a few leading organizations for collaborations in academics and research, and innovation. Coordinators have been assigned to facilitate the progress of the activities under the MOUs.

List of signed MOUs (Girijnanda Chowdhury University)				
Sl. No.	Signed between	Date of signing and duration	National/International	Validity
1.	GCU and NIELIT, Paltanbazar, Guwahati	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 2 year	National	Till 2025
2.	GCU and Kharupetia College, Assam	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
3.	GCU and Doom Dooma College, Tinsukia, Assam	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
4.	GCU and Bir Raghab Moran Government Model College, Rupai Siding, Assam	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
5.	GCU and Ledo College, Tinsukia, Assam	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
6.	GCU and Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Tinsukia, Assam	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
7.	GCU and North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Jorabat, Assam 781023	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
8.	GCU and Guwahati Biotech Park, Amingaon, Guwahati, Assam	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
9.	GCU and AAU-Assam Rice Research Institute, Titabar, Jorhat	28 <sup>th</sup> July-3 years	National	Till 2026

The Members took note of the activities with appreciation. In the discussion that followed, regarding strategies to increase the admissions into various programmes, the Hon'ble Chancellor advised to launch course-wise blog sites for showcasing the programmes and to attract prospective students. Prof. Das mentioned about the publication of a Booklet on the NEP-2020, with respect to its implementation at GCU. With regards the small number of the research publications by the Department of Business Administration, the Hon'ble Chancellor advised the Dean, Academics for discussing the matter with due concern in the department.

Shri Bijoyananda Chowdhury, requested to explore launching of an academic programme on **Training for River Cruise Crews**, which has great employment potential in the sector of Inland Water Transport

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/01:**

The Governing Body considered the appraisal report of the Vice Chancellor and resolved to accept it.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Governing Body meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

The Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body were placed before the members of the Governing Body, for consideration. Professor Das mentioned that the draft minutes of the meeting were circulated to all the Members for their observation. Since no observation was received, he requested the Members once again for their observations, if any. Since, there was no observation, the Body recommended to accept the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/02:**

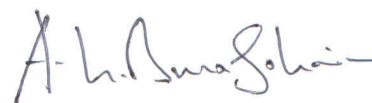
The Members resolved to approve the Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/03: Action taken report on the Resolutions of the last Governing Body meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

The Action Taken Report of the resolution of the 2nd Meeting of the Governing Body held on 13th December, 2023 was placed before the Body.

Prof. Das mentioned the status of the Certificate Courses (*B.Sc. in Medical Lab Technology (BMLT) and five number of certificate programmes namely- Certificate program in Design and 3D printing, Certificate program in Welding, Certificate program in Computer Hardware and Networking, Certificate program in Embedded system and Internet of things, Certificate program in Animal Handling and Experimental Techniques were approved and launched*), Prof. Das stated that none of the programmes could be started due to lack of enrollments. Additionally, Prof. Das informed the Board that GCU participated in EduFest, however, the footfall in the Fest was not encouraging.

The members discussed the report and noted the actions taken.





**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/03:**

The Members of the Body resolved to approve the Action Taken Report on the Resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/04: Approval of the modifications of the First Statute of the University submitted to the Government of Assam as per directives of the Department of Higher Education.**

The second draft of the Statute of the University was placed before Governing Body for information. The modifications made were as per the directives of the Department of Higher Education. The Members took note of the modifications.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/04:**

The Governing Body noted the modifications as per the directives of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam, proposed on the draft First Statute of the University, which is under consideration of the Government of Assam.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/05: Report on implementation of NEP 2020**

Prof. Das informed the Members of Body of the various activities undertaken by GCU to implement NEP 2020. *The syllabi* for the Four Year Bachelor Programme have been designed in the light of *Curriculum Framework and the National Credit Framework (NCrF)*, of the University Grants Commission (UGC). GCU is offering a basket of Common Courses, viz., *(Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) and Vocational Courses* besides planning on offering online courses. Offering Dual Degree programmes is in the pipeline and Implementation of the Credit Transfer Policy will be introduced by GCU. GCU is also going to introduce Indian Classical Language by Guest Faculty members. As per NEP 2020, and Indian Knowledge System (IKS), and Indian and Foreign Languages shall be incorporated, soon. In compliance with NEP 2020, Prof. Das presented for approval of the Governing Body that New Language Courses on French and Assamese shall be started. GCU shall also allow students to write in local language as a medium of writing in examination

The members discussed the matters.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/05:**

After, discussing, the Members of the Governing Body resolved to approve the following:


**GB.3/2023-08/05.1** The basket of Common Courses (Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), Value Added Courses (VAC), Ability Enhancement Course (AEC) and Vocational Courses as well as the proposal for offering online courses have been approved.

**GB.3/2023-08/05.2** The proposal for offering Dual degrees programmes has been approved.

**GB.3/2023-08/05.3** The proposal to frame Credit Transfer Policy have been approved

**GB.3/2023-08/05.4** The proposal to offer courses on functional Indian and Foreign Languages has been approved.

**GB.3/2023-08/05.5** The proposal for providing the provision to use local language/s as a medium of writing in examination has been approved.



**GB.3/2023-08/05.6** The proposal to offer functional **French Language and Assamese Language programmes, and Folk Music/Folk Culture of Assam** has been approved along with the proposal to appoint Visiting Faculties for the same.

**GB.3/2023-08/05.7** The proposal to offer Integrated Graduate and Post-graduate programmes (3+1+1) in the courses of Natural Sciences has been approved.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/06: Report on Admissions for the session 2023-2024 (UG, PG, PhD & Diploma)**

Professor Das placed the status of the admissions into the various programmes for the academic year 2023-24. (Report enclosed below)

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**Status of admission in the session 2023-24 (as on 30-08-2023)**

Sl No	Programme	Provisional admission	Confirmed admission	Confirmed (after withdraw)
1	<b>D.Pharm (both campus)</b>			
	Guwahati Campus	66	62	62
	Tezpur Campus	40	38	38
	Total	106	100	100
2	<b>B.Pharm (both campus)</b>			
	Guwahati Campus	114	103	100
	Tezpur Campus	66	56	54
	Total	180	159	154
3	<b>B.Pharm (Lateral) (both)</b>			
	Guwahati Campus	15	10	10
	Tezpur Campus	6	2	2
	Total	21	12	12
4	<b>B.Pharm (Practice)</b>	2	1	1
5	<b>B.Tech</b>			
	CSE	77	64	59
	CE	49	37	34
	ME	12	8	8
	EE	10	9	7
	ECE	26	17	16
	<b>Total</b>	174	135	124



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Sl No	Programme	Provisional admission	Confirmed admission	Confirmed (after withdraw)
6	B.Tech(Lateral)			
	CSE	9	7	7
	CE	57	48	47
	ME	11	10	10
	EE	15	10	10
	ECE	5	2	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>
7	BBA	41	34	34
8	BCA	65	50	50
9	B.Sc			
	Physics	3	3	3
	Chemistry	1	1	1
	Mathematics	0		
	Zoology	0		
	Botany	1		
	Economics	0		
	Psychology	1	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
10	M.Pharm			
	Pharmaceutics	18	15	14
	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	17	13	11
	Pharmacology	16	16	15
	Pharmacognosy	6	4	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>

Sl No	Programme	Provisional admission	Confirmed admission	Confirmed (after withdraw)
11	M.Tech			
	CSE	3	1	1
	ECE	0		
	TFE	3	3	3
	SE	6	2	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
12	MBA	32	16	16
13	MCA	34	19	19
14	BMLT	31	28	27
15	BA			
	Sociology			
	Psychology	8	5	5
	English	4	2	2
	Political Science	5	4	4
	Economics	2	1	1
	History	1	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>
16	BSW	1		0
17	B.Com	4	3	3
18	B.Sc(Fire and Safety)	1		0
19	MA			
	Sociology			
	Psychology	1		
	English	8	7	7
	Political Science	4	4	4
	Economics	1	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

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Sl No	Programme	Provisional admission	Confirmed admission	Confirmed (after withdraw)
20	M.Sc			
	Physics			
	Chemistry	4	2	2
	Mathematics	1		
	Zoology	8	4	4
	Botany	7	2	2
	<b>Total</b>	20	8	8
21	Economics			
22	M.Sc(CS)			
23	M.Com	9	7	7
24	MSW			
	<b>Total</b>	927	746	725

**Total UG Provisional Admission-746**

**Total UG Confirmed Admission (after withdraw)-607**

**Total PG Provisional Admission -181**

**Total PG Confirmed Admission (after withdraw) -118**

The Members took note of the status and expressed optimism for more admissions in the coming days. Strategies to enroll more students included appointment of Senior Faculty Members who are active researchers.

The members took note of the report.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/06:**

Resolved to accept the admitted students into the various academic programmes.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/07: Ratification of the Resolutions of the Academic Council meeting held on 17/07/2023**

The minutes of the third meeting of the Academic Council, held on 17th July was placed for ratification of the Council. The Members discussed the minutes of the third meeting of the Academic Council and resolved to recommend the ratification of the approved minutes.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/07:**

Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of the third meeting of the Academic Council, held on 17th July, 2023.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/08: Ratification of the formation of various Schools, Departments and Centres of the University.**

Various academic departments of the University have been formed and organized under Schools of Studies and Departments, as resolved in the last meeting of the Academic Council which was placed for ratification.

It was also proposed that the Department of English may be renamed as **the Department of English and Foreign Languages**.






The Members discussed the matter and recommended for ratification of approval for the formation of Schools and Departments and renaming the Department of English as the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/08:**

**GB.3/2023-08/08.1:** Resolved to ratify the approval of the various academic departments of the University which have been formed and organized under Schools of Studies and Departments as resolved in the last meeting of the Academic Council.

**GB.3/2023-08/08.2:** Resolved to ratify the approval of the proposal for renaming of the Department of English as the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/09:** Ratification of the Draft Policies of the University.

University Policies on Research, Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging, Consultancy Policy, Zero Tolerance Policy on Curbing Ragging and Student Mentoring Policies have been drafted and placed before the Members for approval.

The Members discussed the policies and no modifications were suggested.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/09:**

Resolved to approve the Policy on Research, Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging, Consultancy Policy, Zero Tolerance Policy on Curbing Ragging and Student Mentoring.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/10:** Action Plan for the next five years (2024-2029) (Institutional Development Plan)

As per the UGC guidelines for Institutional Development Plan for Higher Institutions (HEIs), GCU is planning to prepare an action plan of the university. The report will consist of all the listed out details of the IDP guidelines. The members also discussed about how the university can be upgraded in the coming years.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/10:**

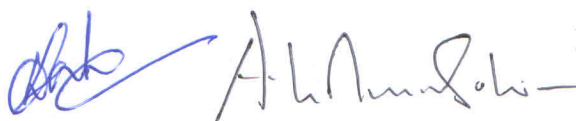
Resolved that an Action Plan is to be prepared by the Registrar's Office and the Vice-Chancellor's Office for developing the Institutional Development Plan of GCUs for the next five years, which shall be submitted by October 2023.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11:** Any other matter.

**Agenda: GB.3/2023-08/11.1:** Due to the high demand in the job sector, Dual Degree Courses for Pharmacy students, viz., M.Pharm with MBA may be introduced at GCU.

The Members discussed in details the proposal for introducing Dual Degree Programmes for the students pursuing the M.Pharm with MBA programmes.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.1:** Resolved to approve offering of dual degree course for Pharmacy and MBA.



**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.2:** The University to look into seat reservations for BPL/tribal students (ST, SC, Rural, Male, Female, PH). The member discussed the same in detail.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.2:** Resolved to approve the proposal to reserve seats for reservations for BPL/tribal student (ST, SC, Rural, Male, Female, PH.) categories

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.3:** A proposal for the University to focus on outreach programmes more efficiently was place before the members for approval. The Members discussed the same in depth and resolved to approve the proposal to focus on outreach programmes.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.3:** Resolved to approve the proposal to focus on Outreach Programmes of GCU.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.4:** A proposal of GCU to look into introducing law programs like BA LLB and LLM, B.Ed, Library Science, Journalism and B.Sc. Agriculture was place before the members for approval. The Members discussed the potential of launching the programmes and suggested that a survey on demand of the said programmes be done before launching them

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.4:** Resolved to approve the proposal for launching of BA LLB, LLM B.Ed, Library Science, Journalism and B.Sc. Agriculture programs with a prior survey being carried out on the demand of the said programmes

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.5:** A proposal to prepare for getting permission to construct new building/s from the concerned authorities was placed before the members for approval. The members discussed the proposal and resolved to accept it.

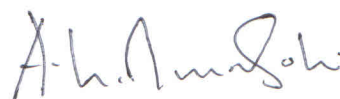
**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.5:** Resolved to approve the proposal to construct new building/s at GCU and for taking due permission to construct new building/s from the concerned authorities.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.6:** A proposal to delve into introducing courses for Competitive Examinations for entry to Civil Services, at subsidized rates was placed before the Members. The Members discussed the proposal in depth, and resolved to accept it.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.6:** Resolved to approve the proposal to introduce courses for preparing students for Competitive examinations for entry to Civil Services, at subsidized rates, at GCU.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.7:** A proposal to form Foundations in order to establish Coaching Centres for Competitive Examinations like the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), etc., in rural areas at subsidized rates was placed before the members for approval. The members discussed the proposal and resolved to accept it.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.7:** Resolved to approve the proposal to form Foundations to establish Coaching Centres for Competitive Examinations like the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), etc., in rural areas at subsidized rates.





**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.8:** A proposal to take necessary steps in order to open Hospital/Nursing institutes and provide medical and nursing services to under privileged members of the society at subsidized rates was placed for approval. The Members discussed the proposal in depth, and resolved to accept it.

**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.8:** Resolved to approve the proposal to start Hospital/Nursing institutes and also provide medical and nursing services to under privileged members of the society at subsidized rates.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/11.9:** Ratification of the Resolutions of the Board of Management meeting held on 30 August, 2023

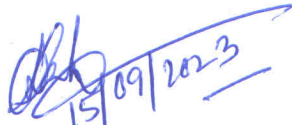
The minutes of the second meeting of the Board of Management, held on 30 august 2023, was placed for ratification of the Council. The Members discussed the minutes of the second meeting of the Board of Management and resolved to recommend the ratification of the approved minutes.

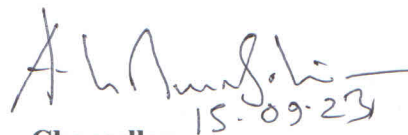
**Resolution: GB.3/2023-08/11.9:**

Resolved to ratify the approved minutes of the second meeting of the Board of Management, held on 30 august 2023.

**Agenda GB.3/2023-08/12: Vote of Thanks**

As there was no other matter for discussion the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.

  
15/09/2023  
**Registrar**  
**Member Secretary**

  
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**Chancellor**  
**Chairman**