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**Minutes of the seventh Meeting of the Governing Body
Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam**

Date: 18 June'25 (Wednesday)

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room

Ground Floor, Main Academic Building

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Shri. Jasodaranjan Das, President, SSA Society | -Member |
| 2. Prof. Jayanta Deka, Hon'ble Chancellor | -Chairperson |
| 3. Prof. Kandarpa Das, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor | -Member |
| 4. Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Professor, IIT, Guwahati | -Member |
| 5. Dr. Bhupati Das, Former MD, NRL & BORL | -Member |
| 6. Shri. Bijoyananda Chowdhury | -Member |
| 7. Smt. Sujata Chowdhury | -Member (present online) |
| 8. Smt. Gita Das Chowdhury | -Member (present online) |
| 9. Dr. Dipankar Saha, Registrar | -Member Secretary |

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah, (Former Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University), Shri. Arabinda Rahang and Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA Society; who could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation.

AGENDA:

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6	GB.7/2025-06/06	Ratification of the Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Board of Management dated 28 May'25
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Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Governing Body dated 18 June, 2025

The seventh meeting of the Governing body was held with the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University, Professor Jayanta Deka in the Chair.

GB.7/2025-06/01: Introductory Remark by the Hon'ble Chancellor

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome of all members of the Governing Body by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Prof. Jayanta Deka. He appreciated the university's steady progress since the last Governing Body meeting held on 10th February 2025.

In his introductory remarks, the Chancellor acknowledged key appointments made during the interim period, notably Prof. Jogen Ch. Kalita, Professor, Department of Zoology and Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Gauhati University, who was appointed as the University Ombudsperson on 24th March 2025. The Chancellor also welcomed Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, Executive Director of Aaranyak, and Mr. Bibhu Bhuyan, M.D. (Retd.), APGCL, Assam, who were appointed as Professors of Practice.

Prof. Deka commended the university's vibrant academic culture, highlighting the successful organization of various events. These included the GCU Varsity Week 'EUPHUISM 2025' held from 5th to 8th March, the 1st Lex Imperium Moot Court Competition organized by the Department

of Law in collaboration with Dispur Law College, and the GCU Half Marathon conducted on 8th February. He also mentioned RONGMON 2025, the Sports & Cultural Fest held at GCU Tezpur Campus on 28th February, and the National Science Day celebration at the Guwahati Campus. The Chancellor applauded student achievements, particularly their participation in the 38th AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival at Amity University, Noida, where GCU students secured silver and bronze medals. He also highlighted the university's strong performance in the Col Guru Prasad Das Hackathon.

Further, Prof. Deka acknowledged the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences for organizing a colloquium titled "Guwahati: From Past to Present," which featured Padma Shri awardee Mr. Ajoy Kr. Dutta as Chief Guest. He noted the success of the Industry-Academia Interface Meet held at Garbhanga Reserve Forest and the workshop on Wildlife Photography and Nature Learning organized by the Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Studies (CWES), with Mr. Sourav Kr. Boruah as the invited resource person. The university also observed World Environment Day on 5th June and celebrated the Day of Russian Language on 6th June, commemorating the birth anniversary of Alexander Pushkin, through the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

The Chancellor appreciated the university's expanding collaborations, evidenced by new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed with Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Marwari Hospital Guwahati, Mangaldai College, and Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza. On the infrastructural front, he informed the Governing Body that the construction of the swimming pool is underway and the extension of the University Library has been initiated to support the research and academic needs of faculty and scholars. Additional infrastructure works, such as road carpeting, fencing of the playground, and renovation of the Botanical Garden, were also acknowledged.

Noting the encouraging trends in placement, Prof. Deka reported that over 28 companies have visited the campus, reflecting growing industry engagement. He also noted the successful registration of the university on the Samarth Portal. The Hon'ble Chancellor emphasized the importance of activating the faculty-student mentoring system and establishing dedicated units such as the Incubation Cell, Entrepreneurship Cell, and Innovation Cell. He stressed the need to expand industry-relevant short-term programs and skill development courses, citing the recently launched VLSI certificate program as a positive step. Encouraging the faculty to engage in research, he pointed out that out of five submitted extramural projects, one has already been sanctioned from the Department of Sociology and Social Work.

Prof. Deka concluded by congratulating all stakeholders for their committed efforts and reiterated the importance of strengthening industry relations, enhancing research output, and maintaining a forward-looking approach. He then invited the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das, to present a detailed report on the university's activities and initiatives since the last Governing Body meeting.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/01:

No resolution taken

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/02: Appraisal Report of the Vice Chancellor

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kandarpa Das, extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Chancellor and Chairperson of the Governing Body, Prof. Jayanta Deka, and the distinguished members of the Governing Body. He began his appraisal by highlighting a series of academic, administrative, and infrastructural developments since the last Governing Body meeting held on 10th February 2025.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the House that he personally conducted three preliminary academic workshops for the Schools of Engineering & Technology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Humanities & Social Sciences. These sessions were aimed at providing contextual background on the university's vision while building academic preparedness and alignment.

He reported the successful completion of the Bar Council of India (BCI) online inspection for the School of Legal Studies held on 14th June 2025, and informed that the academic calendar for the year 2025–26 has been finalized and circulated. The Ph.D. admission notification has also been released for the current academic cycle. Additionally, summer internship and summer immersive programs for students are scheduled to be conducted in July 2025, aiming to enrich students' academic exposure and professional readiness.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the declining enrolment trends in certain departments. He proposed structural integration of common courses across these departments to optimize resources. He further emphasized the importance of cost minimization and suggested the redeployment of teaching and non-teaching staff to various administrative and academic-support functions for better institutional efficiency.

On the digital learning front, the Vice-Chancellor informed the Governing Body that the university has initiated the development of MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses). Three workshops have been conducted by the Vice-Chancellor himself. The University is going to arrange two comprehensive workshops on "Design and Development of MOOCs for SWAYAM platform", by inviting experts from KKHSOU. 30 faculty members have been shortlisted to design MOOC proposals, with a submission deadline set for 30th June 2025. These efforts are aligned with the university's digital expansion strategy.

In terms of policy reforms, the Vice-Chancellor reported the implementation of the Leave Policy and shared drafts of other major institutional documents including the AI Policy, IT Policy, and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for maintenance and administration.

Focusing on quality assurance and benchmarking, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the establishment of a dedicated NAAC Cell and outlined steps to strengthen the mentorship framework to reduce dropout rates. He emphasized the importance of organizing structured training programmes for faculty mentors after the summer vacation. He also mentioned that a visit from the NBA (National Board of Accreditation) team is tentatively scheduled for October or November 2025, as part of the university's commitment to accreditation and ranking enhancement.

In terms of academic initiatives, the Vice-Chancellor announced the university's plan to launch Chartered Accountant (CA) and Company Secretary (CS) programmes under the special guidance of Dr. Gour Gopal Banik. He also noted the introduction of a Certificate Course on VLSI Design for the semiconductor sector, which is open to both in-house students and external participants.

In the area of faculty achievements, the Vice-Chancellor announced that Prof. Vidhya Srinivasan, Professor and Head, School of Allied Health Sciences, has been nominated as a member of the National Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council. Additionally, Dr. Nirmala Devi, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, received the SRM-ICONN Best Poster Presentation Award at the 8th International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICOON2025), marking a significant research milestone.

Regarding institutional collaboration, the Vice-Chancellor noted the university's expanding outreach through strategic MoUs with industry and academic partners. He also acknowledged the admission of two international students from Japan this year, reinforcing GCU's growing global footprint.

The Vice-Chancellor updated the Governing Body that a considerable number of students have already been admitted across various programs for the upcoming academic session. He added that the university's registration on the Samarth Portal is yielding positive outcomes and expanding the university's visibility.

He concluded by reiterating the importance of strengthening academic infrastructure, industry-academia integration, quality assurance, research productivity, and digital innovation. The members of the Governing Body took note of the comprehensive appraisal and placed on record their appreciation for the various initiatives and progress outlined in the report.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/02:

2.1 Resolved that the University shall work towards accreditation of the University by NAAC and explore strategies to present the data in comprehensive way.

2.2 Resolved that a Mentor Training Program on effective student counseling and monitoring students' progress shall be organized immediately after the summer vacation.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/03: Confirmation of the Minutes of the sixth Governing Body meeting dated 10 February 2025.

The Minutes of the sixth Meeting of the Governing Body (Annexure-I) were placed before the members of the Governing Body, for consideration.

The Vice-Chancellor 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 fifth Meeting of the Governing Body, held on 10 February 2025.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/03:

The Members resolved to approve the Minutes of the sixth Meeting of the Governing Body (Annexure-I), held on 10 February 2025.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/04: Action taken report on the Resolutions of the sixth meeting of the Governing Body held on 10 February 2025



Action Taken Report of the sixth Governing Body Meeting Resolutions

Sl. No.	Agenda	Resolution	Abstract of the resolution sent to
<u>1</u>	<u>GB.6/2025-02/01:</u> Introductory Remark by the Hon'ble Chancellor	<u>Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/01:</u> 1.1 Resolved that Prof. K.M. Bujarbaruah, former Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University, be formally inducted as a new member of the Governing Body, GCU. 1.2 Resolved that the School of Agriculture be established at the GCU Tezpur campus, commencing from the next academic session. 1.3 Resolved that a grant of Rupees 5 lakhs be sanctioned by the society for the SEED project, with six such projects identified to date. 1.4 Resolved that faculty members actively submit research projects.	 Prof. K.M. Bujarbaruah, former Vice-Chancellor of Assam Agricultural University has been formally inducted as a new member of the Governing Body, GCU. School of Agriculture has been established at the GCU Tezpur campus Grant for SEED project has been sanctioned and the projects are progressing effective from 22.05.2025 RDC from time to time has taken positive initiation to encourage faculties to submit Extramural research projects. Currently, 01 ICSSR research projects under the supervision of Dr. Rachel Kabi (Dept. of

		1.5 Resolved that a proper Public Relations and Media Cell of the University be established. 1.6 Resolved that a press conference may be held either before or after major university events to enhance their visibility and public engagement.	Sociology) has received 10 Lakhs funds. Number of projects submitted in different funding agencies (From Jan 2025 to till date): 08 Multi-media Development Cell is active. Public relation is yet to be set up In practice
<u>2</u>	<u>Agenda GB.6/2025-02/02: Appraisal Report of the Vice Chancellor</u>	<u>Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/02:</u> 2.1 Resolved that the Department of Civil Engineering (CE) and Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) should submit the compliance report for NBA accreditation 2.2 Resolved that Mr. Adarsh Pradhan (Mentor and his team) be formally congratulated for his outstanding achievement in the Smart India Hackathon and that arrangements be made for news coverage. 2.3 Resolved that the Governing Body extends its congratulations to all participants of the Smart India Hackathon and AIU Festival and that each student participant be awarded a letter of appreciation. 2.4 Resolved that a dedicated team be constituted for the Industry-Academia Interface, tasked with engaging with key industry representatives to foster collaboration.	CSE & CE is submitted the pre-qualifier performa & – NBA on 3rd April'25 and SAR of both CSE and CE was submitted on 31 May 2025 Mr. Adarsh Pradhan and his team were formally congratulated for his achievements and coverage done. Conveyed to the team members and Letters of appreciation awarded. Team has been constituted for the Industry-Academia Interface. The interface was conducted successfully on 16th March, 2025.

		from the State Government may be appointed as Professors of Practice. In this regard, the names of Mr. Bibhu Bhuyan from the APGCL and Mr. Samir Baruah (Adjunct Faculty, Tezpur University) were proposed for consideration. 5.3 Resolved that professionals from the oil industry shall also be considered for appointment as Professors of Practice to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. 5.4 Resolved that the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall determine and finalize the remuneration/honorarium for Professors of Practice in accordance with industry standards and university policies. 5.5 Resolved that the Chancellor of GCU is authorized to approve the appointment of Professors of Practice (as per UGC guidelines) on behalf of the Governing Body.	• Mr. Bibhu Bhuyan, former Managing Director of APGCL, Assam
6	<u>Agenda GB.6/2025-02/06:</u> Appraisal of: 1. School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, Tezpur campus 2. Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Studies 3. B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel	<u>Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/06:</u> 6.1 The Governing Body officially congratulated GCU on the successful establishment of the Wildlife Centre, acknowledging its contribution to research and conservation efforts. 6.2 Resolved that a dedicated research team shall be formed for the Wildlife Centre to undertake studies on biodiversity, conservation, and environmental sustainability. The university shall invite experts and researchers to	No action required Research Committee has been formed

	Management Programme. collaborate on relevant projects. 6.3 Resolved that a Management Committee for Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Studies shall be constituted. 6.4 Resolved that the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Hotel Management course shall commence from August 2025, ensuring all necessary approvals, faculty recruitment, and infrastructure readiness to be completed in time. 6.5 Resolved that the university shall extend invitations to notable alumni of Girijananda Chowdhury University, such as Mr. Nayanjyoti Saikia, who have made significant contributions in their respective fields, to serve as Brand Ambassadors or Guest Lecturers for the Hospitality and Hotel Management program. 6.6 Resolved that Event Management, Catering, and other related specializations shall be incorporated into the Hospitality Management program to provide students with comprehensive industry-relevant training and career opportunities.	Management Committee has been formed and a meeting of the committee has been held. Will start from August 2025 , infrastructure and other requirements are in process Notable alumni will be contacted to act as Ambassadors or Guest Lecturers for the Hospitality and Hotel Management program, once the program commences Draft course structure is ready and syllabus designing is in process. Expert advice has been sought in the designing of syllabus and specializations' will be incorporated accordingly
7	<u>Agenda GB.6/2025-02/07:</u> Ratification of the Minutes of the eighth & ninth meeting of the Academic Council held on 20th December'24 & 7th February'25, respectively.	<u>Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/07:</u> The Governing Body resolved to ratify the Minutes of the eighth (Emergent meeting) and ninth Academic Council meeting (placed at Annexure II and III, respectively). No Action required

	medallists and faculty members who have successfully published patents, thereby enhancing the university's reputation.	
11.4 Media Publicity for Events	Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/11.4 Resolved that the university shall actively liaise with news channels and media outlets to ensure wider coverage and publicity of key events, student achievements, and research breakthroughs to enhance the institution's visibility.	The University has achieved decent media coverage for all events and achievements so far.
11.5: Official Approval of RDC-Related Policies		
11.5.1 Guidelines for the Operation of Consultancy Projects	Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/11.5.1 Resolved to approve the Guidelines for the Operation of Consultancy Projects of GCU.	Approved and being implemented.
11.5.2 GCU-Incubation Centre (GCU-IC) Policy and Procedures	Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/11.5.2 Resolved to approve the GCU-Incubation Centre (GCU-IC) Policy and Procedures.	Approved and being implemented.
11.5.3 Amendment to the Incentive Policy	Resolution: GB.6/2025-02/11.5.3 Resolved to approve the Amendment to the Incentive Policy as proposed.	Approved and being implemented.

The members discussed the report and noted the actions taken.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/04:

4.1 Resolved that all pending action points from Governing Body Meetings (first to sixth) shall be compiled, reviewed, and included in the Action Taken Report (ATR) for discussion in the next GB meeting.

4.2 Resolved also that a senior experienced professional shall also be appointed as a Placement Advisor on a contractual basis. The Selection and Search Committee be entrusted with identifying and selecting a suitable candidate. Additionally, a discussion shall be held with the Secretary, SSA Society, to finalize the budget allocation for the said appointment.

4.3 Resolved that two Prize winning students from SSA Dispur shall be engaged under faculty supervision for preparation of the university promotional video, and *NE Now* shall be contacted for professional YouTube content creation. The SSA Society shall fix the budget for a professional editor, with the nominated SSA students supporting initial development task in the interim.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/05: Ratification of the Minutes of the tenth meeting of the Academic Council held on 11th April'25, respectively.

The Minutes of the tenth Academic Council meeting were placed before the Governing Body, for consideration. The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the draft minutes of the meetings were circulated to all the Members for their observation. No observation was received, he requested the Members once again for their observations, if any. Since, there was no observation, the members recommended to ratify the Minutes of the tenth Academic Council meeting held on 11 April'25 (placed at Annexure II).

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/05:

The Governing Body resolved to ratify the Minutes of the tenth Academic Council meeting (placed at Annexure II).

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/06: Ratification of the Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Board of Management dated 28 May'25

The Minutes of the seventh Meeting of the Board of Management (Annex-III) were placed before the members, for consideration. The Vice-Chancellor 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 members recommended for accepting the Minutes of the sixth Meeting of the Board of Management.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/06:

The Members resolved to ratify the Minutes of the seventh Meeting of the Board of Management.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/07: Admission Report

The Admission Report for the current academic session was presented for review. The report included data on enrollment trends across various programs, department-wise admission statistics, and comparisons with previous years. Key observations and recommendations for improving future admissions were also highlighted.

The matter was placed before the members for information, discussion and necessary action

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/07:

- 7.1 Resolved that the intake capacity for programs under Natural Sciences shall be rationalized and reduced in alignment with NAAC guidelines and current enrolment trends.
- 7.2 Resolved further that the B.Pharm (Practice) course shall be discontinued from the 2025-26 academic session if the total number of admitted students is less than ten (10).
- 7.3 Resolved also that a structured mechanism for assessing faculty teaching effectiveness shall be developed beyond student feedback, incorporating peer review, classroom observation, and academic performance metrics.
- 7.4 Resolved that a detailed analysis of per capita student expenditure shall be prepared for effective management of resources.
- 7.5 Resolved also that a new B.Tech program in Artificial Intelligence with specialization in Cyber Security and other programs on demand shall be introduced from the upcoming academic session.
- 7.6 Resolved further that enhanced marketing strategies shall be adopted, including targeted advertisements in regional newspapers and the organization of outreach camps, workshops, and audio-visual presentations in key locations such as Kohima, Tura, Aizawl, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh, engaging both students and their parents.
- 7.7 Resolved that strategic initiatives shall be undertaken to attract international students by strengthening global outreach, academic visibility, and support services.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/08: Placement Report

The Placement Report for the current academic session was presented for review. The report provided an overview of student placements, including the number of offers, recruiting companies, sector-wise distribution, and salary packages. Key trends, challenges, and recommendations for enhancing future placement opportunities were also highlighted.

The matter was placed before the members for information, discussion and necessary action.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/08:

Resolved that the Placement Report shall be presented in a concise and systematic format in the next Governing Body meeting, highlighting key metrics, trends, and actionable insights.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/09: Post-facto Approval of Service Rules

The Service Rules for faculty and staff (placed at Annex-IV), as approved by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/05 dated 28.05.2025, were placed before the Governing Body for post-facto approval. The new Service Rules have come into effect from 1st June 2025.

The matter was presented for approval.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/09:

Resolved that the Governing Body accords post-facto approval to the Girijananda Chowdhury University Service Rules for faculty and staff, as placed in Annex-IV and approved earlier by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/05 dated 28.05.2025.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/10: Post-facto approval of the GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy

The GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy (placed in Annexure-V), as adopted vide Academic Council Resolution No. AC.10/2025-04/06 dated 11th April 2025 and subsequently approved by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/06 dated 28th May 2025, was placed before the Governing Body for post-facto approval.

The matter was presented for approval.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/10:

Resolved that the Governing Body accords post-facto approval to the GCU-PhD Research Fellowship Policy, as adopted by the Academic Council and approved by the Board of Management, details of which are placed in Annexure-V.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/11: Approval of the draft Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy, (placed at annexure VI) (approved by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/08.1 dated 28th May 2025) was placed before the Governing Body for discussion and formal approval.

The matter was presented for review and approval, with the recommendation that the University's AI Policy be aligned with the Artificial Intelligence policy frameworks published by the Government of Assam and/or the Government of India.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/11:

11.1 Resolved that the Governing Body approves the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy (placed at annexure VI) as adopted by the Board of Management.

11.2 Resolved further that the said AI Policy shall be implemented in adherence to the guidelines and frameworks issued by the Government of Assam and/or the Government of India.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/12: Status of Hotel Management Institute

The Status of the Hospitality and Hotel Management Programme was placed before the Governing Body for review and necessary discussion. The programme's current academic and operational situation was presented to seek suggestions and guidance regarding its future course of action.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/12:

No resolution taken

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/13: Status of Agriculture College

The proposal to establish an Agriculture College was placed before the Governing Body for review and necessary discussion. Key aspects including cost implications, associated risk factors, legal considerations, and student compensation mechanisms in case of discontinuation were presented for deliberation.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/13:

13.1 Resolved that the proposal for establishing an Agriculture College be taken up for further analysis with specific attention to:

- Detailed cost and risk assessment.
- Seeking a legal opinion from the University's legal counsel regarding regulatory and operational feasibility.
- Instituting a policy to ensure appropriate compensation for students admitted, should the programme be discontinued due to unforeseen circumstances.

13.2 Resolved further that a comprehensive report covering the above aspects be submitted to the Governing Body for final decision and approval.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/14: Any other matter

14.1 Approval of IT Policy and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for IT System Administration and Maintenance

To consider and approve the proposed IT Policy (Annex-VII) and the accompanying Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) (Annex-VIII) for effective governance, administration, and maintenance of the university's IT systems, infrastructure, and digital resources

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.1

14.1.1 Resolved that the IT Policy (Annex-VII) and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for IT System Administration and Maintenance (Annex-VIII) be approved as presented, with immediate effect.

14.1.2 Resolved that an external expert audit be conducted for all institutional policies, to ensure relevance, effectiveness, and compliance with regulatory standards.

14.2 Strengthening the Effectiveness of Board and Cells in Attendance and Mentorship Monitoring

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and designated Cells in ensuring regular monitoring of student attendance and active mentorship. It was emphasized that better oversight and accountability mechanisms are required to maintain academic discipline and foster student development.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.2

Resolved that the University shall take necessary steps to improve the functioning of the Board and operational Cells in monitoring student attendance and implementing the mentorship framework more effectively.

14.3 Introduction of More Skill Development Courses

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to introduce additional skill development courses aimed at enhancing students' employability and industry readiness. The courses would be designed in alignment with emerging industry trends and national skill development frameworks.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.3

14.3.1 Resolved that the University shall identify and introduce new skill development courses across disciplines to meet current and future industry demands.

14.3.2 Resolved that the concerned departments, in consultation with industry experts and relevant government bodies, shall prepare detailed proposals for the new courses for further approval.

14.3.3 Resolved that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) be displayed on the university website to promote awareness and reflect institutional commitment.

14.4 Collaborations with Industries for Enrolment

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to initiate and strengthen collaborations with industries to enhance enrolment and promote industry-academia integration. A specific reference was made to exploring partnership opportunities with Tata Semiconductors in Jagiroad and other similar industry players.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.4

14.4 Resolved that the departments and placement cells shall actively identify and pursue collaborations with relevant industries, including Tata Semiconductors in Jagiroad, to promote academic-industry linkage, internships and facilitate increased student enrolment.

14.5 Invitation to Industry Giants to the University

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to invite reputed industry leaders and corporate giants to the University for lectures, interactive sessions, collaborations, and recruitment drives. The objective is to strengthen industry-academia engagement and expose students and faculty to current industry trends.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.5

14.5 Resolved that the University shall take proactive steps to invite eminent industry leaders and representatives of reputed companies to the campus for knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and recruitment initiatives, and that a calendar of such engagement activities be prepared by the Training and Placement Cell in consultation with academic departments.

14.6 Strategy for Enhanced Promotional Outreach

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to formulate a comprehensive promotional and outreach strategy aimed at enhancing the visibility and competitive edge of the University over other private institutions in the region. The strategy would include digital campaigns, alumni engagement, academic achievements, industry collaboration highlights, and region-specific outreach.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.6

14.6 Resolved that the University shall develop and implement a strategic promotional outreach plan to enhance its visibility and competitiveness in the region, with inputs from the Public Relations Cell, Admissions Team, and academic departments.

14.7 Introduction of New Courses Based on Market Trends

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to initiate a systematic study of innovative and in-demand courses being offered by other reputed universities, with the objective of evaluating their relevance and feasibility for introduction at GCU. This initiative is aimed at enhancing the academic portfolio and aligning programs with emerging industry and societal needs.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.7

14.7.1 Resolved that the University shall undertake a comprehensive review of new and emerging academic programs introduced by other institutions and explore the possibility of launching relevant and market-driven courses at GCU, in consultation with the academic council and industry experts.

14.7.2 Resolved that the fee structure for all newly introduced as well as existing courses shall be reviewed and kept affordable to ensure accessibility for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

14.8: Preparation of a Five-Year Roadmap for GCU

A proposal was placed before the Governing Body to develop a strategic five-year roadmap for Girijananda Chowdhury University. The roadmap will outline key academic, infrastructural, research, and administrative priorities to guide the university's growth and development in alignment with its vision and mission.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.8

14.8 Resolved that the University shall initiate the preparation of a comprehensive five-year roadmap outlining strategic objectives, developmental milestones, and implementation plans, with inputs from all stakeholders including administrators, faculty, students, and industry partners.

Agenda GB.7/2025-06/14.9: Approval of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Finance Department

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Finance Department (placed at Annexure-IX) (approved by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/08.2 dated 28th May 2025) was placed before the Governing Body for discussion and formal approval.

Resolution: GB.7/2025-06/14.9

Resolved that the Governing Body approves the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Finance Department (placed at Annexure-IX) as adopted by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. BOM.7/2025-05/08.2 dated 28th May 2025.

As there were no further matters for discussion, the meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to and from the Chair.



**Registrar
Member Secretary**



**Chancellor
Chairman**