

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of GAABESU held on 13.06.2009 at 4.00 PM at the Institute Hall followed by Global Tele-conference.

Members Present: As noted in the attachment to this document

Asit Palit, President, GAABESU presided over the meeting

Agenda No. 1. Welcome address by the President

At the outset, President welcomed the members present and briefly addressed highlighting the activities of various GAABESU Sub-Committees during 2007-2009. He said that the campus unrests stood on the way of desired level of activities during the preceding year. He stated that he would like to see the current membership strength of 841 increases to 2000-3000 during tenure of the incoming EC. He thanked Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Vice Chancellor for his interest in considering GAABESU's recommendations and implementing a number of the recommendations quickly. He also thanked him for expressing his views regarding the roles of GAABESU for the betterment of BESU and expected that the incoming EC would take up the issues put forward by the Vice Chancellor.

Agenda No. 2. Secretary's Report

Santanu Kumar Karmakar, Hony. Secretary placed report for the year, which was appreciated and adopted by the members present.

Agenda No. 3. Placement of statement of Accounts & Auditor's Report for the financial year 2008-2009.

Amitabha Ray, Treasurer placed Accounts and Auditor's report for the financial year 2008-2009 and also Special Audit report for the period 1st April, 2009 to 6th June, 2009. The reports were accepted and approved by the House.

Agenda No. 5. Approval of name of the Auditor for the financial years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Hony. Secretary placed the recommendation of the EC to nominate M/s B.K. Basu & Co., Chartered Accountant as Auditor of GAABESU Accounts for the financial years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. Recommendation was unanimously accepted by the House.

Agenda No.6. Announcement of the results of Election of the Executive Committee of GAABESU for the period 2009-2011.

Prof. Jamini Kanta Das, Chairman, Election Commission for conducting Election of the Executive Committee for the period 2009-2011, announced the names of 27 (twenty seven) members elected to the Executive Committee for the period 2009-2011. List is attached.

Agenda No. 7. Address by the Vice Chancellor

Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Vice Chancellor, BESU in his address mentioned about the importance of effective bondage with Alumni for progress of any Institute. He considered GAABESU as an integral part of BESU.

He mentioned

- Need for the creation of the post of Dean or Prof.-in-Charge, International Relation and Foundation with necessary support staff for interaction with alumni and industry.
- BESU would help GAABESU in foreign currency issue till FCRA approval.
- Alumni holding important positions and having vast experience and expertise could help BESU actively by delivering lectures, sponsoring research etc. Few alumni who held

important positions and had very wide experience and recognition in their respective fields agreed to address the students and extend academic help and mentorship.

- Alumni holding positions of authority and connections with appropriate functionaries could help in getting adjacent and nearby land for expansion of the campus. One of the identified plots of land was deserted-FS warehouse and the other was the property of the descendants of Rani Rashmani.
- Dearth of fund, space and land were vital constraints of the University.
- He had very high impression about BESU students and also faculty in general.
- BESU would seek assistance, guidance and concurrence of GAABESU in implementing development plan programmes.

Agenda No.8. Discussion and suggestion for the newly constituted EC 2009-11.

Gautam Biswas ('79ME), Director, CMERI, Durgapur and elected member of incoming EC provided suggestions based on his experience at IIT-Kanpur (having worked in different capacities). He said that in comparison to BESU, IITs were having much more fund but still they were facing shortage of fund. Regarding alumni participation he suggested that:

- Award of Scholarships was an area where alumni could contribute effectively and in that respect GAABESU was doing even better than IITs.
- Chair Professor posts could be created in each department with financial contribution from alumni to attract eminent scientists / academics. He mentioned few names of eminent alumni in academic field who agreed to assist in improving the academic environment at BESU. He said that few individuals could change an Institute. IIT-Kanpur reached that height because of few individuals.
- Alumni body could sponsor participation of Teachers/Students in International Conference/ Training Programmes.
- Alumni could help in enhancing library facilities particularly International journals.
- High performance computing facility was an important requirement for research work. Alumni could help in that respect.
- An Institute must have a decent well planned campus. Existing facility should be developed in an excellent manner. Alumni could play an effective role in this respect.
- Improving and modernizing living condition in hostels.
- Convention Centre – a complete complex with large auditorium, seminar halls etc.

He further mentioned that instead of GAABESU going for FCRA clearance alumni contribution in foreign currency should go directly to a dedicated account of BESU with GAABESU playing the coordinating role. He explained how three separate accounts namely (1) Account for Government funding, (2) Account for Sponsored research programme and (3) Account for alumni contribution, could be maintained in the Institute. He said about counseling service and mentorship where there could be student mentors and also teacher mentors. A strong programme on basic science was an essential and important requirement for research in engineering. He suggested for giving stress on Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and a close interaction between faculties in engineering and science.

Dipankar Mukherjee ('74CE) said that SBI intended to open a full-fledged BESU branch very shortly and RBI had already approved opening of the Branch. He requested for extending help from BESU in giving a plot of land for the purpose. SBI could in turn help in various development programmes of BESU. He suggested that VC, BESU could talk to CGM, SBI, Shri Jayanta Sinha to explore the possibility of GAABESU assistance in development programmes of BESU

Agenda No. 9. Miscellaneous

No specific item was raised for discussion under this agenda

Agenda No. 10. Vote of thanks

The meeting at the Institute Hall ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Partha Protim Chattopadhyay, Joint Secretary, GAABESU.

Agenda No. 11. Tele-conference

At the outset, outcome of the Annual General Meeting at the Institute Hall was briefly reported. Prof. Ajoy Kr. Ray and Prof. Gautam Biswas mentioned the suggestions they had already given at the Institute Hall and responded to queries of participants in tele-conference.

Jyoti Sengupta, Arun K. Deb, Arun Ghosh, Biman Ghosh, Prabir Neogy, Nihar Biswas, Sushobhan Ghosh, Rajdeep Dutta, Swapan Saha actively participated in the discussion coordinated by Jyoti Sengupta. Various suggestions were put forward. Practical difficulty in arranging fund from alumni abroad was explained. Suggestions included:

- Preparing a executable 5-year strategic plan incorporating wish list with priority, which should match with GAABESU plan programme.
- Action Plan once finalized should be implemented seriously.
- Large contribution from one individual might be difficult. Small amount from large number of members could build a large fund.
- Process should be transparent and it would be desirable that University administration demonstrates proper utilization of alumni fund to motivate them to contribute.

VC requested Prof. Nihar Biswas to look into the scope of reopening dialogue on MOU with his University and proposed a video conference for a discussion. He mentioned about his plan for open house with incoming students towards the end of June prior to their joining. He suggested joint research programme on Bio technology and health care technology, Application of IT in health care and also suggested opening of a School of Medical Science and Technology.

Tele-conference ended with thanks to all the participants.



(Santanu Kumar Karmakar)

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June 13, 2009

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