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Minutes of the **AUTA GBM** held on the 14th of March 2023, at the BCP Auditorium, at 2:00 PM. About sixty-five members attended the GBM to discuss the following agenda:

- 1. Reporting of the various issues represented by AUTA at the National Executive Meeting of FEDCUTA held on the 25th of February, 2023 – regarding.**
- 2. Expansion of the posts of Office Bearers of FEDCUTA – regarding**
- 3. Inviting new concerns to be represented at the National level through FEDCUTA – regarding**
- 4. Any other matter.**

Agenda-1: Members were apprised of the issues presented by AUTA at the FEDCUTA meeting for implementation by UGC/MoE. The AUTA presented the following:

- (i) Conversion of NPS to OPS.
- (ii) Reimbursement of medical bills within the benefits of CGHS. (iii) Funding of NEP-2020 by MoE - through special grants to the Central Universities (CUs) ensuring that the admission fees are not hiked, funded research projects for the NER to be reinitiated, Article Publication Charges (APC) for funded projects to be made available for teachers to publish their articles/work through open access, provide generous need-based funds to CUs for procuring equipment and consumables.
- (iii) Enhance the non-NET fellowship & contingency provided for research scholars in CUs that are situated in geographically and economically challenging areas of the country.
- (iv) Adequate Seed money to be provided to new faculty.
- (v) NEP-2020 should not dilute the core subjects and maintain the research standards.
- (vi) The process of CUET should allow eligible local students of the region to be enrolled.



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(vii) Election Duties by drafting a considerable percentage of teachers is detrimental to implementing NEP-2020. Such election duties should be prevented.

(viii) Queries sent to the UGC regarding teachers' matters should receive a time-bound response.

Resolution for Agenda-1: Members congratulated the AUTA for presenting the pertinent issues at the National Level. Further, it was resolved that the matter related to medical reimbursement at the institutional level should also be simplified, and a committee should be formed to address the issues related to medical reimbursements.

Agenda-2: The minutes of the National Executive Meeting (NEM) of FEDCUTA, held on the 15th of July 2017, were read out, and the amendment sought by the FEDCUTA NEM in expanding the positions of Vice-president from the present 2 to 3 and Joint Secretary from 1 to 3. Also, the quorum for a meeting of the secretariat of FEDCUTA shall be at least one-third of the total membership.

Resolution of Agenda-2: Members unanimously accepted the amendments to the FEDCUTA constitution.

Agenda-3: Upon the invitation of proposals to be represented at the FEDCUTA, members opined on the need for awareness about CUET admissions nationwide. It was resolved that the need to create awareness amongst students about CUET both at the national level and by our institution was imperative.

Resolution of agenda-3: As promulgated by UGC, the admission of students to various courses/programmes offered by Central Universities across the country will be through Central University's Entrance Test (CUET); the meeting unanimously resolved that apart from FEDCUTA, an initiative should also be taken by the University to create awareness amongst the final semester students of undergraduate courses of the Colleges affiliated under Assam University.

Agenda-4: AOM:

1. **Superannuated members of AUTA to be permanent members:** The AUTA EC had resolved to place this matter at the GB. It was unanimously resolved that all the superannuated members of AUTA (irrespective of their year of superannuation) would remain permanent members of the AUTA.



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They are not required to pay monthly subscriptions and can attend all meetings and participate in decision-making. However, voting rights will not be availed by them.

Further, the members opined that the initiative might be taken to compile the records of all the superannuating teachers, and the same may be kept in safe custody at AUTA Office. Moreover, AUTA will continue to pursue all the matters of the Superannuating Teachers with the University Administration. Further, the meeting resolved that the University Administration may be requested to issue Identity Cards to all the Superannuating Teachers.

2. **Regarding the Workshop on Heartcare** - The proposal for conducting a workshop on Heartcare, as part of the ongoing Silver Jubilee Celebrations, was presented to the house by AUTA. This proposal was a measure taken to create awareness after the sad and untimely demise of our Member, Prof. S. K. Punia. The members appreciated the proposal made by the president, and it was unanimously resolved that initiative should be taken to organize the workshop, and the expenses related to the same may be borne out of AUTA Fund.

3. **Regarding the Solid Waste Management of Assam University Staff Quarters**- the Teachers dwelling at the University Quarters brought it to the notice of the house that there was an acute problem of waste management in the Quarter Campus, and the University Authority is also not taking the appropriate initiative to manage and dispose of the wastes efficiently. There is also a wastage of drinking water because of inefficient and inappropriate distribution. It was resolved that the AUTA would apprise the Authority and initiate means to address the issues.

The GBM concluded with acknowledgement from and to the chair.

General Secretary

(Chairman)