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Minutes of the 77th Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on May 22, 2015 at 10 a.m. Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

As desired by Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, Kolkata the 77th Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, IB- 166, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 106.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Ashis Kumar Roy
3. Professor Uma Dasgupta
4. Professor Suranjan Das
5. Professor O. P. Mishra
6. Sri. Siddartha Varadarajan
7. Mr. Deepak Kaul (Director, GOI, MOC- nominated member by the MOC, GOI)
8. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Professor Mushirul Hasan.

At the beginning of the meeting, Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, welcomed Sri. Deepak Ashis Kaul, Director, MOC, GOI and introduced him to the other Council members. Shri. Sharma requested Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS to begin the deliberations of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1: To confirm the Minutes of the 76th Executive Council Meeting held on December 18, 2014, at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. (Annexure I)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the 76th Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on December 18, 2014 with a modification- Professor Ashis Kumar Roy recorded his opinion that there should be no age bar for Maulana Azad Fellow.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 76th Executive Council Meeting held on December 18, 2014. (Annexure II)

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 76th Executive Council Meeting held on December 18, 2014.

The Council noted and confirmed the Action Taken report. Under agenda item no. x – request prayer of re- designation of the following staff of the Institute without financial implications and approved the same as follows :

- a. Mr. Manoj Kumar Pandey presently L.D.C re- designated as Assistant.
- b. Mr. Ashis Bhowmick presently U.D.C re- designated as Senior Assistant.
- c. Mr. Sushanta Banerjee presently Stenographer re -designated as Stenographer cum P.A. to the Chairman.
- d. Mr. Pradyut Kumar Banerjee presently LDC re -designated as Assistant.

Agenda Item No. 3: To report the Minutes of the Review Committee Meeting for selection of Maulana Azad Fellowship and the Minutes of Review Committee Meeting for extension by 1 year of the in- house Fellows held on April 8, 2015. (Annexure III)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the Review Committee Meeting for Selection of Maulana Azad Fellow and the Minutes of Review Committee Meeting for extension by 1 year of the in- house Fellows held on April 8, 2015. It was suggested that EPW may be included in the media list for advertisement of Maulana Azad Fellow.

Agenda Item No. 4: To report the Minutes of the Academic Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2015, May 7, 2015 and on May 14, 2015. (Annexure IV)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the Academic Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2015, May 7, 2015 and on May 14, 2015.

Agenda Item No. 5: To consider the proposal of organizing a National seminar on “ Revitalizing Relations with extended Neighbourhood: New Opportunities and Future Directions for India’s Foreign Policy’ during September 4- 5, 2015 at Ravenshaw

University, Odisha, Department of Political Science with request of financial assistance of Rupees 3 lakhs only. (Annexure V)

The Council approved the proposal with the proviso that the National Seminar proposal should be forwarded from office of the Registrar, HOD, or VC of Ravenshaw University, Odisha for consideration by MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

Agenda Item No. 6: To consider payment of Special Allowance to Sri Tanmoy Das, Computer Technician (Outsource Staff).

Sri. Tanmoy Das, Computer Technician(Outsourcing Staff) has been detailed to look after all computer installations including hardware, software, internet connectivity, sound system & AMCs of Computer system at Azad Bhavan, Salt Lake since his joining at MAKAIAS. Recently his duties have been increased with looking after the jobs for CCTV, Bio- metric attendance machine, Tally Servers etc.

Moreover, as no such staff has been posted at Museum Building, Sri. Das has been asked to look after the computer systems and internet connectivity and their AMCs installed at Museum Building from January 2015 in addition to his duties at Azad Bhavan.

Sri. Tanmoy Das is managing both the sites efficiently and it is to mention that if another staff is posted at Museum Building for the aforesaid job it would be approximately cost not less than Rs. 10, 000/- per month. Therefore, it may be appreciated that the service being rendered by Sri. Tanmoy Das should not go unremunerated. Hence, it is proposed Sri. Tanmoy das may be allowed Rs. 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) per month as special allowance till he continues the job at Museum Building. The amount will be directly paid by the Institute and chargeable to Plan (General).

The Council resolved that the above proposal be approved.

Agenda Item No. 7: To report the reappointment of 3 temporary Staff – Sri. Jayanta Dhara; Sri. Selim Mondal; Sri. Samar Kumar Paul.

The services of the following temporary staff are required by the Institute. Their temporary appointments are renewed every year with an annual enhancement of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) each. To get their services they have been re-appointed temporarily for two months after expiry of one year instead of further one year pending the approval of EC with the existing consolidated salary. The annual enhancement of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) is also held up for the Council's approval. However, as the Council could not be seated within two months time, the services of the temporary staff have been extended for further two months.

The Council therefore is requested to consider and approve the temporary appointments of the staff mentioned below for one year from the date of temporary

appointments shown against their name with same consolidated salary of previous year in addition to an annual enhancement of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) in each case.

Sl. No.	Name & Present consolidated salary per month	Dt. Of expiry of previous temporary appointment period	Dt. Of Further temporary appointment	Expiry date of temporary appointment for another 1 year from the date of further temporary appointment
1.	Sri. Jayanta Dhara Rs. 16,500/-	16. 01. 2015	20. 01. 15	19. 01. 2016
2.	Sri. Selim Mondal Rs. 16,000/-	19.01. 2015	23. 01. 2015	22. 01. 2016
3	Sri. Samar Kumar Paul Rs. 17,000/-	22.01.2015	27.01.2015	26. 01. 2016

The Council noted and approved the appointment of the above three temporary staff working at MAKAIAS, Kolkata from the date of their appointment with an enhancement of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only).

Agenda Item No. 8: To discuss and consider that fellowship Scheme at MAKAIAS. On April 8, 2015 8 Fellowships were reviewed and were extended for 1 year (2+1=3years). The rest of the Fellows are under extension for three months w. e. f. April 4, 2015 for a period of 3 months i.e. till July, 2015. There was no fellowship interview held during 2014- 15; thus, the academic plan and activities charted out for the financial year 2015- 16 of the Institute will suffer. Thus for continued academic activities the process for selection and appointment of Fellows needs to be urgently taken up. The Council is requested to consider the same and as per the MOU between MAKAIAS and MOC the Institute should have 30 in house researchers working full time.

The Council noted and agreed that for continued academic activities, the process of selection and appointment of Fellows needs to be urgently taken up as proposed.

However, there was a difference of opinion on the age limits in case of only one of the categories of Fellows as hereunder:

1. All were unanimous that there should not be any age bar for Maulana Azad Fellows.
2. All also agreed that existing age limit of not exceeding 30 years for Research Assistant may be continued.
3. For the category of Fellow, it was agreed by all to the revision of age from not exceeding 50 years to 60 years.
4. However for the category of Senior Fellow, Professor Suranjan Das, Professor Uma Dasgupta, Professor Ashis Kumar Roy and Mr. Siddhartha Varadarajan proposed that there should not be any age bar, while Professor O. P. Mishra proposed that age bar of 65 years. Director, Dr. Sreeradha Dutta also shared the opinion of Professor O. P. Mishra.
5. Thus a majority of members favored there should not be any age bar for the category of Senior Fellows. The Chairman reserved his opinion, but was of the view that the majority opinion should be considered. The Council resolved to inform MOC, GOI about it.

Agenda Item No. 9: To report the Minutes of the MACP Screening Committee with regard to Sri. Pradyut Kumar Banerjee (L.D.C). (Annexure VI)

The Council noted and confirmed the Minutes of the MACP Screening Committee with regard to Sri. Pradyut Kumar Banerjee (L.D.C)

Agenda Item No. 10: To report to the Council closure of the Current A/c No. 1484201002318 of Canara Bank, New Delhi. (Annexure VII).

The Council Noted and confirmed the above and further suggested that this should be reported to Finance Committee, MAKAIAS.

Agenda Item No. 11: To report signing of MOU for academic collaboration and exchanges with Dhaka University, BISS, Dhaka, Bangladesh, IPEK University, Turkey and Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit. (Annexure VIII)

The Council noted the above signing of MOU with International Universities and Institutes.

Agenda Item No. 12: To report extension of engagement as Consultant for a period of one year to Ms. Anjum Katyal (Consultant- Publications); & Ms. Sunita Tiwari-Hindi Language Office Assistant; terms and conditions same with same remuneration. (Annexure IX)

The Council noted and approved the above extension given to Ms. Anjum Katyal and Ms. Sunita Tiwari.

Agenda Item No. 13: Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

- i. To report extension of Ms. Srijayee Bhattacharjee, Research Project Assistant at MAKAIAS to for a period of 1year as her tenure is coming to an end on May 31, 2015. The terms and conditions and consolidated remuneration remaining the same. (Annexure I).

The Council noted and approved the extension given to Ms. Srijayee Bhattacharjee, Research Project Assistant.

- ii. To report extension given to Mr. Swarup Bhattacharyya, Consultant- Curator at Maulana Azad Museum, for a period of 1year with same terms and conditions and consolidated remuneration. (Annexure II).

The Council noted and approved the extension given to Mr. Swarup Bhattacharyya, Consultant- Curator- Maulana Azad Museum.

- iii. To consider the proposal of holding a Two Day long programme (1st day presentations by Project Fellows working on the North east, 2nd Day presentation by External Fellows working on topics apart from North East) where all the External Project Fellows who have undertaken and their research project is ongoing at MAKAIAS are invited to deliver a presentation at the Institute on their ongoing projects funded by MAKAIAS, Kolkata. The budget for the above will be approximately Rs. 4 lakhs. (Annexure III)

The Council approved the above proposal of presentations by External project Fellows at MAKAIAS, Kolkata with the budget of Rs. 4lakhs.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



Shri. Sitaram Sharma
Chairman, Executive Council
MAKAIAS



Dr. Sreeradha Dutta
Director & Member Secretary
MAKAIAS