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Resolution of the meeting of ICT-MIS Working Committee dated 28-01-2022

Members Present:

1. Professor Sibaji Pratim Basu – Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor – Chairman
2. Professor Tapan Kr. De- Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce
3. Professor Satyajit Saha – Dean, Faculty of Science
4. Dr. J. K. Nandi – Registrar
5. Shri Gautam Pal – Finance Officer
6. Shri Arindam Bhattacharyya – Development Officer
7. Shri Biplab Chakraborty – Sr. Information Scientists
8. Shri Partha Sarathi Das - Programmer
9. Shri Debayan Nanda – System Analyst
10. Shri Sunil Ch Mallik – Executive Director, Computer Centre - Convener

Professor Sibaji Pratim Basu, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in Chair.

Agenda 1: Noting of last meeting resolutions and the action taken.

Convener placed the approved resolutions and reported the current status/action taken against the last approved resolutions. As reported, the proposed letter through legal cell from BSNL Centrex Service has been drafted and sent to Registrar for approval and onward transmission to BSNL. As alternative to BSNL Centex service, Old existing EPABX System has been surveyed and estimation does to restore the system. Regarding the 100 MBPS Link WBEIDC has been requested to extend their service for six months from October, 2021 onwards. Letter sent to BSNL for generating demand note of 25% share of 1 GBPS Link which is approx. Rs. 6.61 lacs. It was also reported that Centre for Cyber Security of Excellence has organized programmes regarding recent cyber security issues in campus and held a meeting with the ICT Team on various issues related to Hosting of server in SDC, website and its development, security threats etc. during 20-21 Dec. 2021.

Resolution: The Last resolution and Action taken are confirmed and ratified with the following resolution: the 25% share of 1 GB link to be generated by BSNL will be sent to Govt. of West Bengal for release of fund in this head.

Agenda 2: Upcoming Microsoft campus licensing renewal

Convener reported that the Microsoft campus licensing will expire on 28.02.2022 and needs to be renewed Microsoft of Rs. 6.5 lacs + GST and this year is the last agreement.

Resolution: The committee has noted the matter and resolved that the renewal may be done though the existing vendor (CCPL) with the same locking price and forwarded to FC for noting. It is also decided that henceforth financial approval of such licensing with the price lock system and any other annual payments including AMC will be taken once for the Whole period from FC. A team has been formed with EDCC, Programmer and DO to explore/look after the Microsoft License Pricing issues.

Agenda 3: EPABX System

Convener reported that as per the last meeting resolution, estimation has been prepared and placed before the committee for restoration of the previous existing EPABX system and the estimated cost is approximately 1,86,731 (for receiver, wire, AMC of cable and AMC of machine).

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Placed before Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for kind consideration /approval.

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Resolution: After reviewing the opinions of all the committee members followed by threadbare discussion, the committee approved the amount in principle and referred to FC for financial approval. It was also resolved that as per legal Letter, BSNL will meet with VU Centrex committee within 15 days. As outcome of the meeting, if the Centrex service is withdrawn, Registrar will issue a notice well in advance before withdrawal of CENTREX facility from each faculty member .

Agenda 4: 100Mbps leased line extension from WBEIDC

100Mbps backup lease line (from Vodafone) was taken through WBEIDC, however WBIDC again requested for direct purchase from Vodafone. Convener reported that, as per previous meeting resolution, the possibility of getting service from other ISPs (including Jio) has been explored and Jio has no service.

Resolution: After reviewing opinion of all the committee members it has been resolved that an 100 MBPS service extension of 6 months from Oct., 2021 onwards may be allowed through WBEIDC. In the meantime, Expression of Interest (EOI) may be invited from the reputed service providers in the surrounding periphery followed by closed tender call to the participants in the EOI.

Agenda 5: Problems in repairing photocopying machines and policy to adopted thereby.

Convener reported that there are more than 45 photocopying machines scattered in various administrative and academic departments. These machines are being maintained on call basis through ONLINE Computer & Services (the Authorised Partner of CANON) on the basis of Component price List published by CANON, where most of the calls are of replacing drum with an estimate of more than 15000, Still the maintenance has been done on demand with prior financial approval from the competent authority. AMC policy was explored but since the Drum replacement is not included in AMC, it was resolved earlier that AMC contract should not be done. However, there should be a policy for such maintenance. University should also consider minimizing the no. of Photocopying machine by making obsolete some of the Xerox machines which are frequently going down.

Resolution: After reviewing opinion of all the committee members it has been resolved that, AMC vendor will be requested to make a joint survey to all the Photocopying machine for their health checkup and collecting operational data and estimate to repair in case of problems etc.. Programmer/Analyst is entrusted to do the needful and submit data with the help of other support staff. Registrar will issue a notification for visit of technical team to departments having photocopying machines. The product end of life will be decided after preparation of such database along with consideration of the repairing price etc.

Agenda 6: Payment of UMS Server rent in cloud environment.

SA reported that as per the resolutions of previous ICT-MIS committee and Review committee, UMS Server would be hosted in the rented infrastructure in the existing service provider with the same resources as per the work order of the UMS project or requirement of the UMS developers. But it is difficult to take financial approval in each month for the same server.

Resolution: Committee principally accepted the matter and approved a lump sum amount of 1,80,000/-+10% Contingent fund for the rented infrastructure annually.

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  a) Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor reported the signal problem of JIO network for his official number. A new Airtel number will be taken for Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. EDCC will take care the matter soon.
  b) Convener reported that, during the current pandemic scenario, several events need to be made live or recorded but the university does not have sufficient in house gadgets/equipment or software to handle such situation. Approximately Rs. 100,000+10%+GST

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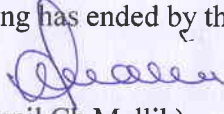
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is required for procurement of advance GO Pro Camera, mixing equipment with software etc. The committee accepted in principle and forwarded the matter to FC for approval.

c) SIS and SA reported that it is very difficult to maintain the billing due to the complexity of the billing cycle and account management in the existing rented server infrastructure provider for hosting of different servers for Exam, Admission, UMS etc. on demand. The committee noted the matter and in principle it has been resolved that the university will explore Google Cloud facilities and migrate/rent the servers from Google Cloud Infrastructure as soon as possible.

d) Convener reported that Team of U. Viswakarma is intensely engaged in various Official Online events, meeting, Youtube Live etc. It is proposed to pay some remuneration to them.

The proposal is accepted in principle and EDCC is entrusted to recommend to pay remuneration as per their performance on adhoc basis.

The meeting has ended by thanking to the chair.

(Sunil Ch Mallik)
EDCC
Convener

(Professor Sibaji Pratim Basu)
Vice-Chancellor
Chairman