



## GLOBAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

To coordinate the activities of all Alumni spread all over the world, the need of formation of Global Alumni Association had been felt long before to help Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur to act as a beacon of attracting the knowledge based industries to the Society and create a zone of technical excellence that will have snow-balling effect on the economic growth of the country as a whole. A series of meeting before formation of Alumni Association were held at different places like BESU Campus, STUP Consultants P. Ltd., P-11, Darga Road, Park Circus, Kolkata, CESC, Victoria House, Kolkata, since January 2005 in presence of Mr. Sudhansu Sekhar Chakraborty, Dr. Arun Deb, Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal, Mr. Santanu Chatterjee and Dr. Santanu Kr. Karmakar where Alumni Web Team of <http://www.becollege.org> also participated through website / e-mails. The detailed activities were published in Alumni News Letter Volume No.1, February 9, 2005, Volume No.2, April 4, 2005 and Volume No.3, June 27, 2005 were annexed.

Finally Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, was formed and registered on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 with Registration No.S/IL/29880 of 2005-2006 under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, (copy enclosed). Memorandum of Association and Regulations was also annexed.

A series of meeting were held at BESU Campus and at the offices of President and Working President at Kolkata. The main agenda were to create office place, office infrastructure, office assistants, opening of Bank Account, publicizing the objectives of GAA through website - <http://www.becollege.org> and e-mails and membership drive.

A Savings Account No.E-377147 in the name of GAABESU was opened on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 at the United Bank of India, BEC Extension Counter, Howrah – 711 103. It may be recorded with thanks that Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjea, the Vice Chancellor was pleased to allot ground floor room of the University Guest House known as "J.N. Dasgupta Hall" to Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESUS) for the use of their official purpose until further order, vide Order No.RDO-2/3613 dated October 06, 2005. It is also worth to record here that the Vice Chancellor of BESU kindly granted a minimum infrastructure to run the office including a broadband connection (copies of the letters are enclosed). Prof. Dr. S. K. Sen and Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjea, Vice Chancellor were kind enough to make an appeal addressed to all alumni to join GAABESU on November 8, 2005.

A Selection Committee constituted with Prof. D. Sengupta as Chairman, Prof. Anjan Kr. Ghosh and Prof. Santanu Kumar Karmakar as Members to select two Office Assistants for GAABESU. Twelve candidates appeared for the interview held on 15.12.2005 at 10 A.M. in the PDSIT, BESU. The selection test was held rigorously based on the skill of the candidates in written and spoken english as well as their proficiency in computer operation. Shri Debasis Mukherjee and Shri Chandranath Adak were selected temporarily with a monthly salary of Rs.4000/- each.

The Executive Committee of GAABESU on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2005 resolved that pending amendments to the Memorandum of Association & Regulations, the following arrangements may be made, which would be tentative and subject to the said amendments:-

1. Annual Membership Fees for ex-students in India would be Rs.250,.00 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006.
2. A category of Associate Members or Affiliate Members would be created for faculty members of BESUS (present and former) and well wishers (in India and abroad), who are not ex-students of BESUS. Associates / Affiliates would pay the same Membership Fees as applicable to ex-students in their country of residence and would not have any voting rights, but would have the right to forward their suggestions / options, etc. to the Adhoc Executive Committee for examination.

3. For Alumni in the Middle East countries, Life Membership Fees would be INR 5000.00 and they would be admitted as Life Members tentatively, subject to the aforesaid modifications of the Memorandum & Regulations.
4. Alumni domiciled in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan , Myanmar, Maldives and Sri Lanka would pay the same membership fees as ex-students resident in India.
5. Alumni residing in the rest of the world pay US\$ 300.00 for Life Membership.
6. Annual Membership fee has been rationalized as one tenth of Life Membership elsewhere.

The Executive Committee of GAABESU on 26th October, 2006 further resolved for the amendment of the MOA with the followings:

In the Aims and Objects of the Memorandum of Association and Regulations to be added with the following points:-

- (t) To provide Alumni Scholarship, book grant etc. to the financially weak meritorious students out of donation received from Alumni.
- (u) To create a Corpus Fund of GAABESU out of contribution of Membership fees/donations for providing a Travel Grant / Research Grant for prosecuting Postgraduate learning to the suitable candidates financially weak.
- (v) The Audited Accounts for the period from 10.06 2005 to 31.03.2006 a sum of Rs.3,89,760/- is transferred by creating Alumni Fund. Out of the contribution received towards Membership fees (Annual and Life Membership) equivalent to 80% which should be continued in future years also subject to any change/modification depending upon the expenses incurred by the Association in fulfilling the conditions appended in the Aims and Objects of the Association.

We applied for Registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 for acceptance of foreign remittance on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 in Form FC-8. Then we re-applied on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006. We received official correspondences from Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter Nos.II/21022/74 dated 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2005, II/21022/74(266)/2005 – FCRA-III Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006, II/21022/94(0030-01)/2006 – FCRA – IV dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2006, II/21022/94(0030-01)/2006 – FCRA IV dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

Mr. H.K. Kawliethang, the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs finally asked to furnish a separate Bank Account for exclusive transaction of Foreign Contribution and also to furnish the list of Donors mentioning specific amount against each of them, no. of individual, total amount to be received and project proposal (Column 8 ii) of Form FC-1A.

It is worth to be recorded that the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi also communicated his desire to Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjea, the Vice Chancellor vide D.O. letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup>. July 2006 to build Alumni Fund for the cause of Alma Mater. Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjea, Vice Chancellor of BESU and also Vice President of GAABESU also replied to Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, vide letter No.203/28 dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and wrote a letter No.204/14 dated 13.07.2006 to Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha for seeking his kind help and support for early grant of necessary permission under FCRA from the concerned Ministry of Home Affairs.

Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha was kind enough to write a letter No.HSR/SUB/462/2006 dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 to Shri Shivraj V. Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, Govt of India, with a copy to Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjea, Vice Chancellor, Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, requesting him for grant of early permission for FCRA. Shri Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs also communicated to Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha vide letter No.V-20172/HMP-06 dated 26.07.2006 and D.O. No.II/21022/96(30)/2006 dated 11th August, 2006. All the correspondences made to and from Ministry of Home Affairs are enclosed in the Report.

A Special General Meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 at 6.00 P.M. at Alumni Seminar Room at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the eight-storied building. A Special Edition of Alumni News letter along with the media coverage was published in January 13, 2006 and the same is annexed.

The GAABESU appealed to the CM (copy enclosed) to accept the MHRD proposal for transformation of BESU, Shibpur to the status of an IIT/INI on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2006

jointly with Bengal Engineering and Science University Teachers' Association (BESUTA) and Bengal Engineering College Students' Union (BECSU)..

A series of Extended EC Meeting was held at GAABESU Office on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to focus on the issue of membership drive, seeking the prior permission of the Central Government under Section 6(1A) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 for acceptance of foreign contribution, transformation of BESUS to an IIT/INI on the eve of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

It is our proud privilege to record that Alumni Scholarship Subcommittee made a grand success in collecting contribution in India and abroad to provide Scholarships to 43 Students and Book grant to 9 Students (copy enclosed). The EC of GAABESU would to thank and congratulate the members of the Scholarship Subcommittee.

The EC, GAABESU is also pleased to record that Alumni Seminar series were successfully conducted by the subcommittee led by Dr. Debasis Ghosh, Dr. Arun Chakraborty, Dr. Pratik Datta, Shri Asish Basu and Prof. S. Barat.

The EC also sincerely thanks to those alumni involved in preparing a nice brochure containing Alumni Contribution made so far upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2006 for BESU, Shibpur.

As on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 there were twenty nine (29 Annual Members and one hundred ninety one (191) Life Members (who become active members after receiving their Membership fees in INR by the office of the GAABESU) and eight (8) Pending Annual Members and twenty five (25) Pending Life Members (Pending because the Office of the GAABESU cannot receive foreign currency prior to the permission of FCRA).

The GAABESU appealed further to the CM to accept the complete recommendation of Anandkrishnan Committee for transformation of BESU, Shibpur to the status of an Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, an INI, through Act of Parliament on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 jointly with Bengal Engineering and Science University Teachers' Association (BESUTA) (copy enclosed).

While writing the report on 26<sup>th</sup> October, the nos. of Active Members were three hundred forty two (342) and Pending Members were one hundred twenty two (122) as posted in the Website <http://www.becollege.org>.

Before winding up of this Secretary's Report, it would be a great mistake if we, all the GAABESU members, forget to thank and congratulate the members of the Webteam of <http://www.becollege.org> and the two office assistants who keep all the records of those names who have been constantly working behind the scene since 2003, the year of initiation of proposal for upgradation of BECDU/BESUS to the status of an IIT/INI, through updating the website regularly.


With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU,



(Santanu Kumar Karmakar)

Hony. Secretary, GAABESU

The Secretary's Report was accepted by the EC in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 and by the members present in the AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2006. The same was approved by the President of GAABESU.



(Amitabha Ghoshal)

President, GAABESU

Dated October 28, 2006