

GAABESU -120th EC Meeting

Date: 25th May 2024
Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm



Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur

Place	The 120 th EC9 meeting was held on 25 th May, 2024 at GAABESU Office and online through ZOOM bridge.
Subject	120th Executive Committee meeting of GAABESU (5th EC meeting)
Present	<p>Amitabha Datta - President Arabinda Roy - Working President Prosenjit Chakraborty - Secretary Vinod Kumar Singh - Joint Secretary Malay Niyogi - Treasurer Netai Ch. Dey - Member Sushanta Sinha - Member Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh - Ex-Officio Member Syama Prasad Datta - PI</p>
Online	<p>Sukanta Kumar Roy - Member Anjana Ganguly Roy - Ex-officio Member Manoj Kar - Member Debal Banerjee - Member Biswajit Sengupta - Member Partha Sarathi Majumder - Member Parnab Sinha - Assistant Secretary Arun Deb - PI</p> <p>GAABESU Office Tultul Roy - Office Manager Sourav Kayal - Office Assistant</p>
Absent	List Attached

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Agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of 119th EC meeting held on 20th April 2024 - Amitabha Datta
2. All Sub-committee activities;
3. Discussions on Welcome ceremony of new Students & new Director
4. Planning for Scholarship/AFE/ Research Award Process Update; - Debal Banerjee
5. New Seminar Proposals - Amitabha Datta
6. Update of the website; - Sushanta Sinha
7. Introduction of EE Memorial Lecture - Prosenjit Chakraborty
8. Status on Finance; - Arabinda Roy/Malay Niyogi
9. Update on joining of New Members - Prosenjit Chakraborty
10. Any other issue with the permission of the chair

Previous Meeting's Action Items

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Update Scholarship / AFE Interview and Process	Debal Banerjee/ Prosenjit Chakraborty	April to August	Ongoing
Website Upgradation	Sushanta Sinha	Sep '23 to Aug '24	Ongoing

Minutes - Topics Discussed

At the beginning, President Amitabha Datta welcomed all EC Members & PIs attending physically and over ZOOM Bridge Call, for participating in the 120th Executive Committee meeting of GAABESU and asked Secretary to proceed.

Agenda Items:**1. Confirmation of minutes of 119th EC meeting held on 20th April 2024**

The Minutes of the previous EC meetings were circulated in advance to all members for review. There were no further comments. Secretary proposed to accept the Minutes, Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh seconded and it was accepted by the members.

2. All Sub-committee activities;

President Amitabha Datta requested Secretary Prosenjit Chakraborty to discuss the activities of various sub-committees. Secretary, in turn, requested Manoj Kar, the convener of the Publication committee to place his report.

Manoj Kar reported that the next Alumni Link e-magazine is scheduled to be published in July-August. In last meeting, Manoj Kar also volunteered to take up the responsibilities of GAABESU Project of BEC History-As seen by senior alumni. All previous communications on this topic were handed over to him and he has already picked-up communications with senior alumni. Members have suggested to assign Baidyanath Roy & Biswajit Sengupta in USA to help him. Biswajit Sengupta has already agreed to help.

Next, Sushanta Sinha gave updates of website development. All preliminary activities are now completed and he has set a target of 1st July to come up with a first page design. Data migration from existing website is also being taken up. All other linkage regarding GAABESU memberships, Scholarship/AFE/ Research awards, Travel Grant, etc. will also be linked with website.

Finance related issues were reported by Treasurer Malay Niyogi. All IT related issues for current Accounting Year (2024-25) (FY 2023-24) are nearly completed and final return is scheduled to be submitted within in time. We have also received a refund notice for last FY, but the amount will be adjusted against our previous dues. Treasurer has also highlighted all our pending dues / claims from 2016-17, as well as our appeals to Income Tax appellate tribunal. Auditor has submitted a complete report on all pending issues and both Working President Arabinda Roy (ex-Treasurer) and Treasurer are regularly in contact with him regarding all other financial issues.

3. Discussions on Welcome Ceremony for new batch of students & new Director;

President informed the members that he is in touch with the new Director, who has taken charge on 23rd June 2024. One request, the Director has proposed for a lunch-meeting with GAABESU President on 3rd June 2024. The first meeting is expected to be mostly social, and the Director will be informed about GAABESU activities in general. It was also decided that the new Director will be requested for a formal meeting with GAABESU executives shortly.

N. C. Dey, (as HoD-Mining) informed that the new Director already had brief meeting with all the HoDs, to know about the present activities and their planning etc. In that meeting, he also mentioned about his knowledge about the active alumni base (GAABESU) of this institute. Members hoped that we shall be able to take this positive initiation further, in the coming days.

It was agreed that we shall formally give a welcome to the Director. Once the new students come in, we shall also arrange for a Students Welcome Program. Since the present student intake is nearly 1,000+, accommodating all students in one place together may not be possible. Secretary informed that the HoD-Civil has already suggested that GAABESU can take part in the Departmental Welcome Program and the same process can be followed for all other departments. N. C. Dey, (also HoD-Mining) welcomed the idea. It was decided that Secretary will send formal requests to all HoDs for accepting GAABESU to be a partner in their Departmental Welcome Program.

The farewell program for the outgoing students, that we thought earlier, could not be organized due to no availability of suitable time slot caused by the very tight exam, viva & other activities of the students.

4. Planning for Scholarship/AFE/ Research Award Process Update;

Secretary raised the issue and on request Debal Banerjee gave a detailed status report. Members of task-force were requested to submit suggestions. Also, a Google Form was circulated amongst all the students, for their feedback, which was also copied to EC members. Various comments were also received from many members regarding upgradation and possible automation of (at least) part of the process. Debal Banerjee also confirmed that all the comments received so far, have been compiled and categorized. The process is ongoing and expected to be ready in time for incorporating with the new website, before the schedule starts for current year preparations.

5. New Seminar Proposals;

President & Secretary informed the members present that GAABESU has an agreement with ADI Associates, sponsored by our very senior alumni Sri Arup Bhattacharya of Vermont, USA, to organize seminars on "Sustainability & Reusable Energy". This fund still has around Rs. 88,000/- balance. Recently Secretary had a telephonic discussions with Sri Arup Bhattacharya, when he requested GAABESU to use the fund at the earliest and if required, he will provide

more fund. President requested Sri S. P. Datta to take up this seminar project and organize a physical seminar in collaboration with IEST, & organizations like the Institution of Engineers (India), or the Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI), where both, the President (A. Datta & S P Datta are active members of their East & North East Regional Center. Sri S P Datta has agreed to take up the matter immediately.

6. Update of the website;

Already reported above.

7. Introduction of EE Memorial Lecture;

Secretary reported that Electrical Department has already agreed to the proposal for arranging Memorial Lecture series. President & Secretary, along with few other alumni & EC members, have already attended an online meeting on 15th April with EE Department HoD & other Professors. It was decided that the series of lectures will be titled as "Legends & Legacies" and shall preferably be held twice a year, in the months of August & December-January. A fund-raising appeal will be generated jointly by GAABESU & EE Department.

8. Status on Finance;

Already reported above.

9. Update on joining of new membership (if any)

Secretary reported that 3 new members have joined GAABESU during the period April to May 2024. The names are as given below:

Membership April '24		
Name	Year	Dept
Ayan Kumar Naskar	2022	CE
Membership May'24		
Name	Year	Dept
Amritansu Ray	2017	MATH
Rishav Choudhuri	2023	EE

EC welcomed them to GAABESU.

10. Any other issue with the permission of the chair

Secretary reported that there are two issues to be raised:

- 1995 batch has started raising a fund for Scholarship. However, some of their members didn't want to submit any identity documents. We have discussed the matter with our Auditor and also facilitated the batch members to contact Auditor. When some of them still don't agree, we had to inform them we cannot accept unidentified donations as per GOI rules and the whole amount would become taxable for us. We have decided to refund to those of 1995 batch, who have already donated but did not submit identifications. This will create complications in our accounting system, but we cannot create new tax burdens.
- Treasurer informed that in last FY 2023-24, there are 70+ donors, mostly during alumni day functions, who have donated but didn't provide any identification document. The net amount

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involved is around Rs.9Lakhs. Since the FY is already over, we cannot refund these. All these Donors shall once again be contacted one last time, to get identification documents. The Auditor has been informed to consider these for calculating tax dues. It has now been decided that henceforth, GAABESU will not accept any donations from Donors without any identification documents. All our documents will incorporate similar statements.

- Our alumnus Subir Dey from 1976 batch has donated Rs. 5.0 Lakhs for providing scholarships to two needy but meritorious students (@ Rs.50,000/-) from Civil department for five (5) years.

There was no further point for discussion and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prosenjit Chakraborty

(Prosenjit Chakraborty)
Secretary EC9, GAABESU

Current Meeting's Action Items			
Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Welcome the new Director	Amitabha Datta	June	
"BE COLLEGE MEMORY AS TOLD BY ALUMNI" update	Manoj Kar, Prosenjit Chakraborty	May - July	Continuing
Audit and Accounts	GAABESU OFFICE/ Malay Niyogi/ Arabinda Roy	May - June	Ongoing
EE memorial lecture	Prosenjit Chakraborty	May - June	Ongoing
Website Update	Sushanta Sinha	Ongoing	

Attendance List of EC Members

P - Physical presence, C- Conference Call & A- Absent

Sl	Name	Year	Dept	Location	Mobile	e-mail	
1	Baidya Nath Roy	1965	ME	USA	7062673185	baidyaroy@gmail.com	A
2	Niharendu Biswas	1970	CE	Canada	519 969 1789	biswas@uwindsor.ca	A
3	Amitabha Datta	1974	CE	Kolkata	9830279446	darnitabha2005@gmail.com	P
4	Arabinda Roy	1976	ETC	Howrah	9434313049	oruroy@yahoo.co.in	P
5	Sukanta Kumar Roy	1977	ETC	Mumbai	9820223510	skroy56@yahoo.com	C

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7	Manoj Kar	1980	ETC	Kolkata	9820609515	manojkar58@gmail.com	C
8	Malay Niyogi	1980	EE	Howrah	9433007628	malayn59@gmail.com	P
9	Biswajit Sen Gupta	1981	EE	USA	908397 4527	bsenguptaglobal@gmail.com	C
10	Partha Sarathi Majumder	1982	CE	Kolkata	9741747978	Partha.xtotal@gmail.com	C
11	Debal Banerjee	1984	EE	Canada	416 825 4112	debal.banerjee@gmail.com	C
12	Netai Chandra Dey	1986	MIN	Howrah	8777697505	ncdey63@gmail.com	P
13	Prosenjit Chakraborty	1987	EE	Chinsura	9903103465	chakraborty_prosenjit@yahoo.co.in	P
14	Sushanta Sinha	1988	ETC	Kolkata	9830551724	sinhasu@yahoo.com	P
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17	Parnab Sinha	2012	CE	Kolkata	9831505570	prnb.snha@gmail.com	C
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