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DUCSU poll date still uncertain

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The Dhaka University authorities have so far failed to finalise the date for next DUCSU election although they have already held a series of meetings with the students' representatives to this effect.

In the meetings two alternative dates—March 22 and March 28—were proposed by the DU authorities, but neither of the dates was accepted by the leaders of the DUCSU and the student organisations.

On Tuesday night, a prolonged meeting between the DU authorities and the representatives of the DUCSU and the student bodies failed to reach a consensus on the election date. The two-hour-

long meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan in the chair ended without any decision. It has however convened another meeting to hold
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further discussion on the issue on February 11.

Sources said, leaders of the major student organisations including Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Chhatra League (H-A), Chhatra League (N-S) and Chhatra Union favoured the DUCSU polls after the coming holy Ramzan vacation. Internal crisis of the organisations is the main reason for such proposal by the student leaders, they said. The student leaders also argued that the situation now prevailing on the campus was not suitable for holding the election peacefully and urged the authorities to ensure peace on the campus prior to the election.

The term of the present DUCSU expires on February 7 as the last election to the students union was held on February 8 last year. If the DUCSU poll date is deferred as demanded by the student leaders, constitutional crisis would be created, said a student leader who stressed on timely holding of the election.

A central leader of the combine of nine student organisations said, most of the organisations were now busy with the elections to the CUCSU and the EUCSU and removing the organisational crisis. So, they are in favour of holding the DUCSU poll's not before May.