

DU Senate members suggest Raise income to upgrade standard of education

By DU Correspondent

Members of the Dhaka University (DU) Senate yesterday underscored the need for increasing the source of income of the university for upgrading the standard of education and research activities.

Terming the university's source of income very limited, they suggested the DU authorities to take up the issue sincerely so that the income and resources could be increased from the next academic session.

Many members of the DU Senate also observed that the standard of education in the country's various educational institutions, including the DU, was going down day by day. If we failed to take necessary measures and couldn't assure accountability of teachers, they observed that the down trend of education standard would continue.

Addressing the Senate session, some members alleged that many teachers of DU were engaged in consultancy outside the university hampering their academic activities.

"Teachers, those who are involved in consultancy outside the university by hampering their academic duties, should be terminated from the university and sent to the schools," blasted Prof Mostafa Chowdhury who is also the Chairman of Public Service Commission (PSC).

He also said immediate measures should be taken to upgrade the standard of education in various educational institutions across the country.

Prof Chowdhury also felt the necessity of nationalising the education and urged the government for taking the responsibilities of education to keep the pace with the ever changing world. He emphasised on increasing the internal resources of DU.

Advocate Syed Ahmed also urged the DU authorities to look into the consultancy issue as there is allegation that the teachers were engaged outside the university by harming their academic duties.

He said many teachers are engaged in consultancy beside their academic duties and are not giving the due share of their income to the university which is a violation of university rules.

Replying to Syed Ahmed, the DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told the Senate that the university in the out-going session earned Tk five lakh as share of income of teachers consulting beside their

academic duties. Admitting that the amount is very poor, the VC said that it should be Tk 50 to 60 lakh. He also assured of taking immediate steps to monitor the activities of teachers.

Taking part at the discussion, Prof Sultana Shafi urged the DU authorities to hold the long-awaited DUCSU and hall unions elections by ensuring a congenial atmosphere on the campus.

Meanwhile, a DU press release said that a special Senate session would be called soon where the Senate members would discuss on how to upgrade the education and research programmes and make it upto the international standard.

The proposed budget of DU for the fiscal 1999-2000 was approved at the closing day of the Senate session chaired by the university VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury.

A five member committee headed by Golam Kuddus has been formed to maintain sanctity of the Central Shaheed Minar.

Among others, Prof KM Saad Uddin, Rangalal Sen, Habibur Rahman, Prof Mohabbat Khan, Prof Abdul Aziz, Prof Harun-ur-Rashid, Ismat Kader Gama, Prof Hossain Monsur, Prof Abdul Mannan, Ramendu Mojumder, Prof Mahfuza Khanam, Afzal Hossain, AKM Jahangir MP, Prof SM Imamul Haq and Shamsuzzaman Khan took part in the discussion.