



# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

## JNUTA GBM Brief Minutes

Date: April 12, 2016 at 4 pm

Venue: JNUTA Faculty Centre

Members Present: 96

1. Ajay Patnaik, reported that the JNUTA had submitted two letters to the VC detailing their position on two issues: the MHRD letter on decision making having financial implications and on the VC letter related to appointment of Deans/Chairpersons. JNUTA also met with the VC to convey our reservations on both these issues. JNUTA response to the MHRD letter would be sent to the Minister through the University and would be sent to Central Universities through FEDCUTA.
2. Ajay Patnaik also read out a reply received from the Rector's office denying any list of "21 left leaning teachers".
3. Colleagues supported the JNUTA's stand on this issue. It was further advised that both these matters should be discussed in the AC and EC. Further these also should be discussed in faculty committees and response to this must be forwarded through official channels to the VC's office. JNUTA should reach out to deans and chairpersons on this issue and canvass extensively to get its position adopted through them in statutory bodies.
4. Nivedita Menon shared the letter received from the university in which an individual complaint written to the MHRD with a copy to the University. Any letter without any specific charges or the violations is meant only to intimidate.
5. Others colleagues also narrated incidents of threats and intimidation of individual faculty members including elected representatives of teachers to JNUEC and JNUTA. While taking serious note of such intimidation it was urged upon that JNUTA should demand standardization and transparency.
6. Declaration of Assets by faculty: More time period should be given for filing of returns and this should be delinked from promotions. Ajay Patnaik reported that the date has been extended to July.
7. Legal team should be appointed which can review the applicability of the Lokayukta Act to JNU faculty and also to advice on a host of other issues.
8. Next week there should be a mass demonstration and protest march to the VC's office to demand that the administration response to JNUTA's various demands specially on the silence of JNU administration on various JNUTA letters that include unconstitutional remarks about faculty belonging to certain community, the ruckus created on 12<sup>th</sup> night in residential areas and so on.
9. EC members present stated that they have been given an assurance by the administration that the FO will function under the overall guidance of the EC.



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10. Rules with reference to the Transdisciplinary Research Clusters (TRCs) are unclear about their nature – whether these are projects or teaching programs. This ambiguity is open to manipulation. Rules regarding these TRCs must be clarified.
11. JNUTA's communication to the Administration on the intimidation of individual faculty members should specifically mention dalits, Muslims and women faculty members who are under such attacks. Such attacks are against the Constitution of India and against the ethos of the University.
12. There have been several instances of GSCASH representatives being pressurized to do away with specific cases. Any attempts to influence and intimidate GSCASH are unacceptable. JNUTA is always opposed to any interference in the functioning of the GSCASH.
13. The procedural lapses on the issue of extension of FO, has been raised in the EC and a letter has also been submitted by JNUTA in this regard to the Administration. Discussion on this also brought to notice the intimidation of elected representatives in JNUEC. Members showed their concern over such act which is aimed at silencing the opposing voices.

### **Resolution**

#### **It was resolved that JNUTA will**

1. Organize a protest demonstration next week against the stony silence of JNU administration on JNUTA's demands including HLEC, Unlawful assembly on the night of 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, derogatory remarks and persistent leaks.
2. Campaign with colleagues, chairpersons and deans to oppose at different forum any effort to bring personal discretion in appointment of Chairpersons and Deans.
3. Protest the verbal and written intimidation of teacher colleagues along with targeting of individual elected representatives of JNUTA and Teachers Representatives in JNUEC and issuance of arbitrary letters of intimidation to faculty colleagues with the aim to silence them