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DU forms body to decide fate of 20 students

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The Academic Council of Dhaka University has formed a ten-member committee headed by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Shahiduddin Ahmed to make recommendation about the admission of the 20 students.

The committee was formed at a meeting of the Academic Council on Sunday following hot debate over the issue. The committee has been asked to submit its report to the Academic Council within a week.

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University had to postpone his order for the admission of the 20 students under pressure of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) and different student organisations. The Vice-Chancellor's decision to admit the 20 meritorious students who attended the Prime Minister's reception instead of appearing in the admission test, triggered widespread protests and resentments.

The Academic Council, the highest policy making body on admission affairs, held a special meeting on Sunday to decide the fate of those 20 students. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed apprised the

members of the Academic Council that seven students out of those 20 students got admitted to different departments by attending "Gha" unit admission test. Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed requested the council members to decide the fate of remaining 13 students.

Most of the council members while placing their arguments said that any admission outside the admission rules would set a bad precedent that would hamper the image of the university.

Prof. Moshuazzaman, Dean of Science Faculty and an influential leader of "Blue" group teachers, proposed formation of a committee to recommend suggestion on the issue. V-C Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed, who was presiding over the meeting, accepted this proposal and decided to form a ten member committee with representatives of Deans of five faculties and Chairmen of four departments under Commerce Faculty.

The meeting started at 4 p.m. at I.B.A. auditorium and continued till 8.15 p.m. with out any break. Most of the members of the Academic Council attended the meeting.