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BCL leaders' admission triggers chaos in Dhaka University meeting

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Chaos ensued at Dhaka University's academic council meeting over the enrolment of Dhaka University Central Student Union general secretary and other Chhatra League leaders who were reportedly admitted in the university illegally and unlawfully to let them contest the union elections.

The meeting was held at senate building of the university on Monday night which was attended by vice-chancellor Md Akhtaruzzaman, pro-vice-chancellor (administration) Muhammad Samad, deans of different faculties and chairmen of different departments.

Teachers attended at the meeting said that the chaos ensued after Obaidul Islam, the convener of White Panel, a group of teachers who are known for their inclination to the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, demanded investigation and action against DUCSU general secretary and others who got admissions 'illegally' to contest DUCSU elections.

He also demanded punishment for the teachers and officials who were responsible for allowing such enrolment of Chhatra League leaders dodging the entrance examinations.

Members of Blue Panel, which is well-known for its inclination to ruling Awami League, protested at the proposal.

Blue Panel member and business faculty dean Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam claimed that the students who completed bachelor's or master's degrees from the university could be enrolled in the evening programmes without any written tests even no admission circular was needed to enrol them.

It was alleged that Dhaka University administration allegedly favoured former Chhatra League general secretary Golam Rabbani and other Chhatra League leaders to contest the university's central students' union election by giving them studentship before the elections.

The university authorities allegedly ignored the rules to allow Golam Rabbani to get admission in criminology department as an MPhil student which qualified him for contesting the DUCSU polls held in March which was also marred by various irregularities.

Earlier, allegations came that the university authority illegally enrolled 34 Chhatra League leaders to let them contest in central student union elections.

DUCSU office bearers Arif Ibne Ali, Saad bin Kader, Shakil Ahmed Tanvir, Nazrul Islam, Rakibul Hasan, Nipu Islam Tonni, and Mahmudul Hasan and 26 other Chhatra League leaders were enrolled in a master's course in tax management under banking and insurance department without any admission test with recommendation of the vice-chancellor and business studies faculty dean.

