



DU Fifth Senate session under court injunction

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At last the first annual session of the Fifth Senate of Dhaka University was not held. It was scheduled to go on from day before yesterday.

Following an ad-interim injunction issued by the 4th court of Assistant Judge Dhaka, the DU authorities have postponed the Senate session. According to a prayer filed by two registered graduates of the university the court issued ad-interim injunction on holding of session.

It was earlier foretold by concerned different quarters that as there is no registered graduates representation in the Fifth Senate, so there is no possibility of holding its session.

FORMATION OF SENATE

According to DU Order 1973 which the Bangabandhu Govt. designed as per the fourth schedule to the constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Senate is, at all universities of the coun-

try, one of the powerful authorities of the university.

The Senate is also termed as the parliament of the university. Its total strength of members is 104.

This one hundred and four-seated Senate consists of the VC, Pro-VC, Treasurer, 5 Govt high officials to be nominated by Govt, 5 MPs to be nominated by Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, 5 distinguished educationists to be nominated by the Chancellor and President of the country, five representatives from research organisations to be nominated by the Syndicate of the university, 5 principals of colleges to be nominated by the Academic Council from among the principals of the affiliated and constituent colleges of the university, the chairman of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Dhaka, ten teachers of colleges to be nominated by the Academic Council from among the teachers of the affi-

liated and constituent colleges of the university; 35 representatives of teachers of the university to be elected by the all university teachers, 5 representatives of students to be nominated by DUCSU and finally 25 representatives of registered Graduates to be elected by such graduate's from among themselves.

The Fifth Senate has representations from all quotas except registered graduates as their election is not still held.

The DUCSU quota was lying vacant at the last Senate but the present Fifth Senate has their representations and the DUCSU leaders already on Monday last nominated their 5-member representatives for the Senate.

All the members of the Senate except students representatives hold the office for a period of three years while the student members hold office for a period of one year.

But they may continue in office as long as their successor are elected and enter the office.

However, the student members lose their memberships in the Senate if they cease to be students of the university.

The members of Parliament, Govt. officials principals, college teachers, university teachers, registered graduates and research bodies enjoy the Senate memberships as long as they are associated with their respective positions and places from where they have got their representations.

FUNCTION OF SENATE

The Senate generally meets once in a year that is called the annual session of the Senate. It may go on for a few days.

The date and time of such session is framed by the Vice-Chancellor who is its Chairman. As per DU Order of 1973 VC may, however, convene a special or an emergency meeting of the Senate. Besides, upon a written requisition signed by not less than 30 members VC may also convene special Senate meeting.

The Senate mainly considers and passes resolutions on the annual budget report and other financial estimates of the university.

It also ratifies the Statutes of the University on the proposals of the Syndicate, the highest decision making body of the university. It has also a power of electing 3-member VC panel.

RU SENATE SESSION

The annual Senate Session Rajshahi University which was scheduled to begin on June 27 also could not be held as majority senators walked out demanding release of two senators who are now in jail.

It may be noted here that those two senators are students leaders and representatives from RUCSU to RU senate.

JU SENATE SESSION

However, the Annual Senate meeting of Jahangirnagar University began smoothly on June 27 last with its VC Prof. Saleh Ahmed in the chair.

Addressing the session VC Prof Ahmed said that the prevailing education system and policy of the country should be reframed with a view to meeting the socio-economic demand of the country.