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They were present, but did not oppose, says DU

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The Dhaka University authorities yesterday, in a clarification to reports published in different newspapers regarding the Academic Council decision to confer honorary doctorate degree on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said the decision was taken unanimously.

The DU authorities in a statement, said the decision to confer the degree on the prime minister, a former student of the university and a registered graduate for life, was taken at the Academic Council unanimously. It also said the teachers who issued the press statement were present at the Academic Council on September 12, but did not oppose the decision at the meeting.

The decision to confer honorary doctorate degree on the

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PM was taken unanimously in the last two sessions of DU Senate, it said.

The decision followed appreciation of her role in establishing peace at national and international levels, conferring of honorary doctorate degrees by some of the best universities in the world like Boston (USA), Yaseda (Japan), Abarte-Dandy (UK), Viswabharati (India) and Luven (Belgium), and also awarding of the UNECO Peace Prize and an international award by UNFPA, the authorities said.

It also said that the decision has been taken in recognition of her contribution to national, regional and world peace, poverty alleviation, expansion of education, women empowerment and agricultural development.

It is not expected that further debate regarding the decision would arise, the statement said.