

Political appointers control Varsity DU admin virtually inactive

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A number of high-ranking administrative officials of Dhaka University (DU) who got appointment through political backing during the regime of BNP-Jamaat coalition government, are now desperate to control the varsity's entire administrative function, it is alleged. Their pressure tactics have made the administration almost inactive.

In the absence of the elections

of Senate, Syndicate and Dean for long times, as per the 1973 university ordinance, they are out to establish their supremacy in all administrative sections.

Many teachers claimed that the framework has been made by partisan employees during the immediate past four-party coalition government. They are still now having their supremacy over staying with their positions.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz however said that elections of various DU bodies could not be held due to the emergency. He said that he has already started discussion with the government in this regard.

The election of graduate representative and the high profile administrative framework of the university could not be held for

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two years, election of teacher representatives for one year, syndicate representatives for one and half a year and the election of Dean for one year.

A DU senate has a total of 104 posts. Of them, 60 posts comprising 35 teachers representatives and 25 registrar graduate representatives are democratically selected representatives. These posts are now lying vacant. The tenure of both the teacher and graduate representatives expired in June 2006.

Five parliamentary members were nominated by the speaker in the Senate. But as the parliament does not exist now these membership are also not there 5 students' representatives seats also remain dormant due to the inactive DUCSU. As a result, 70 posts are now lying vacant in the senate. The rest 34 out of 104 posts, majority of the posts except Vice-chancellor (VC) and Pro-Vice-chancellor, were filled and nominated by the past ruling government.

The tenure of the syndicate expired on September 12, 2006. With this the tenure of finance committee also expired. At present, a non-transparent finance committee has created a complicated situation in the accounting section of the university.

Tenure of another important administrative framework, Deans' Committee also expired in June last year. The last election of the committee was held on September 5, 2005. In the election, majority of the faculty posts was filled on political consideration during four-party alliance government.

As per the regulation, the senate meeting would not be held without attendance of 30 members. For which, only one senate annual meeting was held after June 28, 2006.