

DU senate approves Tk 164 cr budget

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The Dhaka University (DU) Senate, the highest academic body of the university, yesterday approved a Tk 164 crore budget for 2008-09 fiscal with a deficit of Tk 12 crore.

DU Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam placed the budget at the two-day senate session at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building with Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz in the chair.

Of the total budget, Tk 135.90 crore will be available from University Grants Commission as government grant while the rest Tk 16.10 will be managed from the internal income of the university.

Tk 121.07 crore (73.82 percent of the total budget) will be spent for salary, pension and other allowances of teachers, officers and employees while only Tk 23.60 crore would be spent for academic sector and Tk 16.93 crore for general and miscellaneous work.

Of the total allocation in the academic sector, only Tk 2.13 crore (1.29 percent of the total budget) will be spent for research while Tk 1.86 crore for buying and publishing books and journals.

Prof Faiz, also the chairman of the senate, stressed the need for being economically self-dependent to avoid outside interference and enjoy full autonomous power in executing dynamic and progressive activities in the university.

He urged the affluent guardians to help maintain a rational tuition fees for their children to pave the way for more ultra-poor students to have the facilities of the university.

Earlier, the budget was placed in the finance committee on June 17 and was approved by the DU syndicate on the same day.

A revised budget of Tk 155.22 crore for 2007-08 fiscal was also approved at the session.

The 104-member senate body is currently running with 69 members. Of them, a total of 45 members took part in the session.

Of the 69, the tenure of 35 teachers' representative will end after this senate session, and then it will run with only 34 members.