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## CU may cut 200 jobs to combat budgetary deficit soon

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CHITTAGONG, Apr 7:- Chittagong University (CU) is likely to face tremendous budget shortfall as the University Grants Commission (UGC), watchdog of the universities, opposed allocation for the illegally hired faculties and

staffs from the coming fiscal.

If the UGC ultimately sticks on its unbiased policy, approximately 200 faculties and staffs of the university will either have to quit their jobs or to carry out it as charity.

A team of the UGC led by Di-

rector (Finance & Accounts) Mohammed Ibrahim Kabir categorically defined the UGC's stand and inability of giving additional funds for rearing the unlawfully hired faculties and staffs of the CU. The

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team took a pre-budget tour at the university late last month. It spoke to the university's top management and informed its latest stand on the UGC funding policy.

Despite repeated cautions from the UGC on unapproved hiring of human resources at the university, former Vice Chancellor AIM Nuruddin Chowdhury, a branded fundamentalist, indiscriminately hired faculties and staffs mostly on political consideration and personal choice.

It is learnt that the UGC in its budgetary notes sent to the registrars of different universities over the last couple of years asked averting unapproved hiring of faculties and staffs. The UGC at a stage denied responsibility of paying the illegal appointees and pushed the universities for enhancing income from own sources.

Former General Secretary of Chittagong University Teachers Association (CUTA) and a member of the Syndicate Helal Uddin Nizami said that neither the UGC nor the university did pay required attention to the issues simply because of politicization of the top brasses. Sources said that the UGC did not give funds for 114 faculties and staffs in the 2005-2006 fiscal who came on the payroll only on political consideration. As a result the university had to face a deficit of Taka about 50 million in the current fiscal.

The sources also disclosed that the university management had been paying the illegal appointees over the last couple of years by diverting funds from other heads. It is learnt from the audit and accounts office of the university that the university management had long been carrying forward a bulk revenue deficit mainly spent for rearing the illegally hired faculties and staffs.

Acting Chartered Accountant (CA) Mohammed Abdul Monayem told The Bangladesh Observer that they might place a request for extra funds for the unapproved faculties.