

Selecting VCs, appointing teachers University acts need revision

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Laying high emphasis on re-forming the "Search Committee" to select Vice-chancellors, Pro-vice-chancellors, Treasurers and other speakers on Sunday at a roundtable suggested revision in

the university acts, appointment system of teachers and student politics.

They said that a panel of teachers should be made as per the specific regulations of the Univer-

sity Grants Commission (UGC) for their appointments in the country's public universities.

National Observers Council (NOC) organised the roundtable (See Page 15 Col. 5)

University acts

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on "Autonomy of Universities" at the National Press Club.

Speaking as the Chief Guest former education adviser to the caretaker government Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said that the existing forms of the senates in the universities are neither required nor fruitful for the students and their education.

For transparency in the academic activities he suggested not to appoint any student as a teacher in the same university.

UGC Chairman Prof. Nazrul said that presently, the UGC is working for formulating a Public University Act to bring all 29 public universities under the umbrella of a single act.

"I hope we can complete the task within the term of this Caretaker government," he said.

He urged the teachers of the universities to come forward with various reform proposals and added that if all stakeholders do not cooperate, only the UGC would not be able to bring any qualitative change to the public universities.

He informed that the UGC is now implementing a 20-year strategic plan. It was formulated during the past government's regime. He added that the Commission would soon hold discussion with various professionals in all six divisions.

Chairing the Roundtable Chairman of Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) Prof. Muzaffer said that university teachers should be made themselves accountable to their students.

"Time has come to think whether a dean would be made through election or selection," he said adding that teachers could also be appointed through experts' opinion.

The TIB Chief suggested that separation of the students' dormitories from the administrations of the universities will help create adequate academic environment in campuses.

Prof Faruq-Uzzaman of the History Department of the Rajshahi University presented a keynote paper.