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VC impasse: Pro-VC, fin officer to sign JU files

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Kolkata: Amid the impasse over the status of the VC, Jadavpur University on Monday held a joint faculty council meeting and a finance committee meeting to find a solution so that academic, administrative and financial activities are not stalled.

“The joint faculty council, comprising four faculty councils, empowered the pro-VC to give academic approvals. Since the pro-VC cannot appoint HoD, it was decided that he can authorize the next senior professor to act as HoD, when the term of an HoD ends. The pro-VC can also approve the panel of examiners who will examine PhD theses. All these decisions will be ratified by the EC or VC,” said an HoD who had attended the meeting.

An official said that the finance committee gave permission to the acting finance officer to disburse payments to contractual workers and maintenance staff. “To avoid a standstill situation the financial decisions will be approved by the finance committee and will be disbursed by the acting finance officer. All these approvals will be ratified later by VC or EC,” added the official. JU also formed a committee with 17 members to decide on the implementation of 2022 UGC guidelines on PhD.