

Heat, walkout on Rao Tula Ram issue

Our Staff Reporter

Five members of the Delhi University academic council staged a walk-out from the meeting on Thursday when the Vice-Chancellor after three hours of heated debate ruled out a resolution moved by Mrs Kiran Walia on the Rao Tula Ram College issue.

The meeting of the council was specially convened to take up the Rao Tula Ram issue. Mrs Walia and ten other members had asked the university authorities to requisition the meeting last month.

The resolution demanded an amendment to the University Act

so as to enable the university to take over these colleges which violate the rules. It demanded the disaffiliation of the college, absorption of the employees in other institutions and payment of arrears to the staff.

The five members who staged a

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walk-out were Mrs Walia, Mr O P Gupta, Dr N S Kapoor, Mr P K Chandra and Dr M M Shankhedhar.

Later, the council adopted a resolution moved by academic council member Sydney Rebeiro urging an early solution to the Rao Tula Ram College problem and payment of salaries to the staff members. The resolution demanded that an ultimatum be given to the college trust to abide by the conditions laid down by the university.

Vice-Chancellor Gurbaksh Singh told the council that disaffiliation could be considered only after the executive council referred the matter to the academic council.

AC resolution on Tula Ram college

By Our Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, August 6 — The Academic Council (AC) today passed a resolution to serve an ultimatum to the Rao Tula Ram College trust to abide by the conditions of a private trust affiliated to the university.

The resolution moved by Mr Sydney Rebeiro also called for steps to ensure the security of

service and immediate payment of salaries of the college staff by 'whatever means available'. Mr Rebeiro said that the college staff be absorbed in other colleges immediately. The university should ask the UGC to pay the salaries through the Registrar as had been done twice last year and the 'criminal cases' against some staff members should be dropped by the Principal, he said.

Mr Rebeiro suggested that the Vice Chancellor should take a 'firm moral stand' on the issue of non-payment of salaries.

Mr Kiran Walia moved a resolution for take over of all such 'defiant' institutions. She along with two others walked out in protest against the VC's ruling that 'disaffiliation' could be discussed by the AC only after the Executive Committee refers the matter to AC.

The meeting was attended by 9 members.