



Walchand College of Engineering Sangli

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 224th MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting No.	: 224 th
Day/Date	: Tuesday, 21 st August 2018
Time	: 02.30 pm
	: Business Centre, The Oberoi Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Shri Ajit Gulabchand	: In chair
2. Dr. V.N. Gupchup	: Member
3. Shri C.N. Gandhi	: Member
4. Shri R.P. Purohit	: Member
5. Dr. Shivajirao Kadam	: Member
6. Shri Shrirang Kelkar	: Member
7. Prof G.V. Parishwad	: Member Secretary
8. Mrs. Shalaka Gulabchand Dhawan	: Management Invitee
9. Dr. A.P. Vaidya	: Faculty Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjaykaka Patil, Shri Vijay Pusalkar, Dr. P.S. Patil, Dr. Amit Datta, Dr. Abhay Wagh, and Dr. P.G. Sonavane.

Item No. 1:

To confirm Minutes of 223rd AC meeting

The Director tabled the Minutes of the 223rd meeting of the Council held on 30-05-2018 at WCE, Sangli. The Minutes were already circulated to members. It was then

Resolved that the Minutes of the 223rd meeting of the Council are confirmed.

Item No. 2:

To record action taken report by the Director on various resolutions adopted by the Council in its 223rd meeting

The Director tabled the report of the action taken on various resolutions made by the Council during its 223rd meeting. The members discussed the report and it was then

Resolved that the action taken report by the Director is noted.

Item No. 3:

Activity Report and status of TEQIP progress by the Director

The Director made a presentation on the various activities of the college and the status of TEQIP progress in the last three months. Of the first installment of Rs. 2 crore from NPIU, the college has spent Rs. 72.21 lakh on procurement of equipment and learning resources; Rs. 78.96 lakh on academic processes and Rs. 5.92 lakh on operating costs as on 31-07-2018. The Director reported that the audit team of TEQIP visited WCE during 6-8th August 2018 and completed the performance audit. Based on the performance audit report, the NPIU has announced the release of further installment of Rs. 2 crore of TEQIP funds. The members noted the overall progress of TEQIP with satisfaction.

The members also appreciated achievements of the students in the areas of sports and technical competitions, while taking note of the Activity Report.

Item No. 4:

To consider financial statements for 01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 quarter

The Balance Sheets for College, Activity, Hostel and SGRF accounts for the period from 01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 along with the Income and Expenditure statements were presented to the Council. The Director explained that the deficit of Rs. 1.4 crore in the College Account is mainly due to the fact that the College has not received fees from all students in the first quarter of the year as the admissions continue till August. Further, expenditure to the tune of Rs. 75.86 lakh in the first quarter in College Account is not admissible in grant. The loan from the Activity Account increased by 2.90 crore in the April-June quarter.

The Director informed the Council that the Finance Committee, in its meeting held on 17-08-2018, discussed these financial statements in detail and recommended the same to the Administrative Council. It was, then

Resolved that the Balance Sheets and Income-Expenditure statements for college, activity, hostel and SGRF accounts for the period from 01-04-2018 to 30-06-2018 are noted.

Item No. 5:

To consider outsourcing contractual staff with minimum wages

The Director reported that only 117 regular support staff remained on the college payroll as against 202 sanctioned by the DTE. The College is, therefore, required to hire staff on contract basis. The government has directed all government and aided colleges to outsource security, housekeeping and other services on contract basis as per the GR No. KAA 2013/pra. No. 233/kamgar 8, dated 18-06-2014. The government has notified the wages and other applicable benefits.

The issue was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting on 04-07-2018. The Finance Committee was of the view that the college should follow the directive of the government in phased manner and appoint suitable contractors through a tendering process. The Director further reported that College floated a tender to outsource hostel and college housekeeping on contract and presented a comparative statement of the tenders received to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reviewed the comparative statement

in its meeting held on 17-08-2018 and was not satisfied with the outcome and directed the college to retender. The matter was discussed by the Council members. It was then

Resolved that the Council agrees with the views of the Finance Committee on outsourcing contractual staff in phases with minimum wages as per the Government Resolution and the Director should implement the outsourcing of services for the college under the directions of the Finance Committee.

Item No. 6:

To consider revision in fees for Ph.D. programs and remuneration to Ph.D. Guides

The members discussed the proposal of revision in fees for PhD programs, together with the comparison chart of fees charged for such programs at other Autonomous colleges. The members discussed the issue and agreed that different fees charged for Ph. D. students under QIP, NDF and those registered under Shivaji University be made uniform at Rs. 60,000 per year, still lower than that at COEP and VJTI. The Director also proposed revision in the overload/remuneration to faculty for Ph. D. and M. Tech. These proposals were discussed and recommended by the Finance Committee vide their meeting on 17-08-2018. The Council members discussed the proposals and it was then

Resolved that the proposal to increase fees for all Ph.D. programs to uniform Rs.60,000/- per year from the academic year 2018-19 is approved.

Further resolved that the proposal to revise remuneration payable to Ph. D. guides to Rs. 30,000/- with Rs. 15,000/- payable on completion of three years and remaining after completion of Ph. D., and to M. Tech guides to Rs. 10,000/- on completion of M. Tech. is approved.

Item No. 7:

To consider and ratify appointment of internal and statutory auditor for TEQIP-III.

The Director informed the members that the NPIU required Internal and Statutory Auditors to be appointed at the college for audit of expenses of the TEQIP funds. The College followed the NPIU guidelines and has appointed the following CAG certified audit firms for the entire TEQIP-III period:

1. Khire, Khandekar and Kirloskar from Sangli - Internal Auditor
2. Pawar, Samant and Jadhav from Kolhapur - Statutory Auditor

These auditors will be paid out of the TEQIP funds as per the norms. This issue was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting held on 4-07-2018. The Finance Committee has recommended the same to the Administrative Council. The members took note of the decision and it was then

Resolved that the Director's decision of appointing the audit firms Khire, Khandekar and Kirloskar from Sangli as internal auditor; and Pawar, Samant and Jadhav from Kolhapur as statutory auditor for the TEQIP phase III is ratified.

Item No. 8:

To consider and approve disposal of scrap material from all departments and College

The Director reported about a lot of obsolete material (old computers, broken furniture, broken equipment and material, etc.) accumulated in departments and in the institute, which needs to be disposed of as scrap. The Director explained the detailed process followed by the college for scrap identification, certification and disposal as per the government guidelines. For disposal of the identified and certified scrap material, tenders were invited through an advertisement. The comparative statement of the tenders was discussed in the Finance Committee held on 17-08-2018. As per the directions from the Finance Committee, the scrap dealer was finalized. The Council members expressed satisfaction over the process followed for scrap disposal and it was then

Resolved that the proposal to dispose of obsolete material from the institute and to delete the items from the asset register is approved.

Item No. 9:

To consider Annual Report for 2017-18

The Director tabled Annual Report of the progress and activities of the WCE for the year 2017-18 and presented the highlights of this report. The members noted the progress. It was then

Resolved that the Annual Report of WCE for the year 2017-18 is recorded.

Item No. 10:

Any other item with the permission of Chair

1. To consider allowing Shri Manik Chavan (CSE dept) for doctoral studies under QIP:

The Director took Chairman's permission and tabled the item of application of Shri Manik Chavan, Asst. Professor in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) dept., who had applied and got accepted for Ph. D. program under Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) at Geomatics Information System, IIT, Roorkee. He informed the Council that Shri Chavan's name was recommended by the Head of CSE department in conformity with the rules governing the QIP scheme. After the approval of the Council, his application will be forwarded to DTE. Shri Chavan will be able to join IIT, Roorkee under QIP only after the DTE approval. The members considered the proposal and it was then

Resolved that permission is granted to Shri Manik Chavan to register for Ph.D. program at the IIT, Roorkee under QIP and the Director is permitted to send his proposal to DTE for further process as per the QIP terms.

There being no other item, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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Date: 21st August 2018