



Walchand College of Engineering Sangli

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 228th MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting No. : 228th
Day/Date : Wednesday, 28th August 2019
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 Chakor N. Gandhi : Member
4. Shri R.P. Purohit : Member
5. Shri Shirang Kelkar : Member
6. Prof. D. B. Kulkarni : In-charge Member Secretary
7. Mrs. Shalaka Gulabchand Dhawan : Management Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjaykaka Patil, Shri Vijay Pusalkar, Dr. Shivajirao Kadam, Dr. P. S. Patil, Dr. C. S. Verma, and Dr. Abhay Wagh. The Chairman informed the Council members that Dr. P. G. Sonavane, in-charge Director, is recovering from recent heart surgery and therefore, in his absence, Dr. D. B. Kulkarni is officiating as in-charge Director.

Item No. 1:

To confirm Minutes of 227th AC meeting

The in-charge Director tabled the Minutes of the 227th meeting of the Council held on 04-06-2019 in Mumbai. The Minutes were already circulated to members. It was then

Resolved that the Minutes of the 227th 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 227th meeting

The in-charge Director tabled the report of the action taken on various resolutions made by the Council during its 226th meeting. The members noted that decisions on item numbers 5, 6 and 7 are being implemented. 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 in-charge Director made a presentation on the various activities of the college and the status of TEQIP progress over the last three months. The members noted with satisfaction that four of the six undergraduate programs had received accreditation from NBA for the period till June 2022. It was reported that Diploma, UG and PG admissions were nearing completion. The members were satisfied to learn that almost all Diploma and UG seats were filled up. The Council members noted with concern that about 90 seats in various PG courses remained vacant.

The members also noted the various activities conducted under TEQIP-III and 65% of expenditure incurred as on 24-08-2019. The Council members appreciated the college team for maintaining outstanding grade in TEQIP-III implementation and on receiving Rs. 70 lakh of additional funding from the NPIU as a reward for superior performance and overall progress of TEQIP during this period.

Resolved that the activity report, including on TEQIP progress, is noted.

Item No. 4:

To consider unaudited balance-sheets and income and expenditure accounts of College, Activity and Hostel accounts for the period 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019

The in-charge Director presented the unaudited Balance Sheets for College, Activity, and Hostel sections for the first quarter from 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019 along with the Income and Expenditure statements. It was reported that the deficit of Rs. 76.73 lakh was mainly due to the fact that tuition and other fees are not received during this quarter as the admissions take place in the July-August period. For the same reason, the Activity account also reflects deficit of Rs. 44.73 lakh. The figures will change in the second quarter after admissions are complete.

The in-charge Director informed the Council that the Finance Committee had, in its meeting held in Pune on 22-08-2019, discussed the financial statements and recommended the same to the Administrative Council. It was, then

Resolved that the Balance Sheets and Income-Expenditure statements for college, activity and hostel sections for the period from 01-04-2019 to 30-06-2019 are noted.

Item No. 5:

To consider appointment of Statutory and Internal Auditors for the financial year 2019-20

The in-charge Director requested the Council to permit him to withdraw this item and permit him to place before the Council ratification of the appointment of Statutory and Internal auditors. He informed the members that the auditors have already been appointed for the financial year 2019-20 on the same fees with the permission of the Chairman. The Council members permitted the in-charge Director's request and then, it was then

Resolved that the action of the in-charge Director of appointment of Statutory and Internal auditors for the financial year 2019-20 with the same fees is ratified.

Item No. 6:

To ratify the revised PG fee structure submitted to the DTE

The in-charge Director briefed the Council members about the restructuring of the PG fees as per the format made available by the Directorate. As per this format, the Tuition fee for PG programs works out to Rs. 65,241 and Development fee to Rs. 7927. Together with the College level fees, a proposal has been submitted to the DTE of the total fees of Rs. 1,15,803/- per student for the M. Tech. programs. The members discussed the changes in fee components and it was then

Resolved that the revised fee structure together with increase in PG fees is approved and the in-Charge Director's decision of submitting the same to the DTE is ratified.

Item No. 7:

To consider revised consolidated pay and increments to contractual faculty

The in-charge Director presented a case for rationalization of consolidated pay for contractual faculty and increments to be given to them for their completed years of service. The members accepted the proposal of the in-charge Director and accordingly, it was then

Resolved that the consolidated pay and increments of the contractual faculty is revised effective 01-07-2019 as under:

S.N.	Qualification	Experience in years	Increment / yr. of experience (Rs.)	Consolidated pay (Rs.)
1	M.Tech	Upto 5 yrs.	500/-	30000/-
		Above 5 yrs.	500/-	35000/- capped at 50000/-
2	Ph.D.	Upto 5 yrs.	1000/-	45000/-
		Above 5 yrs.	1000/-	55000/- capped at 70000/-

Item No. 8:

To ratify Chairman's decision to constitute Selection Committee to interview candidates for the post of Director

The Chairman briefed the Council members that the Search-cum-Scrutiny Committee headed by Dr. V. N. Gupchup has completed its work and submitted a list of candidates to be interviewed for the post of Director. The post of Director was advertised in the Indian Express all India editions between 01-07-2019 and 06-07-2019. The Chairman informed the members that a Selection Committee was constituted and chaired by him as per the UGC Gazette Notification No. F.1-2/2017(EC/PS) dated 18-07-2018, which included the Director IIT Mumbai, Director VJTI, Mumbai, Pro VC of Shivaji University, two experts not connected with WCE, two

member of the Administrative Council and three members nominated by the Vice Chancellor of Shivaji University, including one representing Backward Classes. The Selection Committee interviewed the candidates on 28-08-2019 and selected a candidate for the post of Director. Further process of appointment was still to be carried out based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

The Council members appreciated the meticulous process of selection carried out by the Search-cum-Scrutiny Committee under the guidance of the Chairman. The members then,

Resolved that the Selection Committee constituted by the Chairman in accordance with the UGC regulations for interviewing and recommending suitable candidate for the post of Director is ratified.

Further resolved that the Chairman is authorized to appoint the selected candidate in the post of Director of the College and decide the terms and conditions of appointment, including the quantum of additional allowance, if any, to be paid.

Item No. 9:

To ratify Chairman's decision of filing civil suit for injunction in Civil Court, Pune against the Deshmukh faction's actions interfering in selection and appointment of Director

The Chairman briefed the members about unauthorized advertisement published by the Deshmukh faction for the post of Director for WCE and also about a letter written to the DTE for the same. Considering the issues involved, the Chairman took a decision to file a civil suit before the Civil Judge Junior Division, Pune seeking injunction against the Deshmukh faction's illegal acts for appointment of a Director for WCE. The Chairman had authorized Shri Ravindra P. Purohit, member of the Administrative Council to file a suit in Pune. Accordingly, Shri Purohit filed Regular Civil Suit No.1306 of 2019 before Civil Judge, Jr. Division. The suit is listed for further hearing on 13-09-2019.

The Council members discussed the issue and appreciated the prompt action taken by the Chairman. It was then

Resolved that the Chairman's decision for filing the Civil suit No. 1306 of 2019 in Pune and authorizing Shri Ravindra P. Purohit in this regard is ratified. Further resolved that the Chairman is authorized to take all decisions necessary and incidental to preventing acts of interference in the College functioning by different factions of MTE Society.

Item No. 10:

To consider recovery of salary paid with interest under terms of QIP from faculty members who did not complete M.Tech/Ph.D. programs

The in-charge Director reported that four faculty members of the College, who had availed the benefits under the Government-sponsored Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) had failed to complete their studies at the respective QIP centers.



As per the relevant Government Resolution and the agreements signed by the individuals under the QIP terms with the Principal, WCE Sangli, the salaries received by them need to be recovered with interest. Their cases have been submitted to the Regional Office of DTE for further instructions with a request to waive off the interest. The details of such faculty members are:

S.N.	Name of faculty	Dept.	Program & Center	Program Period	Remark
1	Dr. S. N. Kore	Electronics	Ph.D. at IISc Bangalore	3 years & 6 months	Ph.D completed later at SUK
2	Dr. V. B. Dharmadhikari	Electronics	Ph.D. at IISc Bangalore	3 years	Ph.D completed later at SUK
3	Shri N. V. Marathe	Electronics	Ph.D. at IIT Mumbai	3 years	Not completed
4	Shri C. H. Wagh	Civil	M.Tech. at IIT Mumbai	2 years	M.Tech completed later at WCE

The members discussed the issue and took the view that privileges and benefits of QIP sponsorships are governed by the provisions of the Government Resolution No. Depu.2095/19557/(195/95)/TE-4 dated 20-11-1996, terms of QIP scheme and the agreements signed by the teachers with the College Principal. The applicable government rules should be followed. Accordingly, it was then

Resolved that recovery of the salary paid to these faculty members for the program period under QIP, together with interest as ordered by the government circular should be recovered from them as per the applicable terms and rules.

Item No. 11:

Any other item with the permission of Chair

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

Date: 9th Sept 2019


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN