



# Walchand College of Engineering Sangli

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 218<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting No.	: 218 <sup>th</sup>
Day/Date	: Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Time	: 02.30 pm
	: Business Centre, The Oberoi Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Shri Ajit Gulabchand	: In chair
2. Shri Sanjaykaka Patil	: Member
3. Dr. V. N. Gupchup	: Member
4. Shri C. N. Gandhi	: Member
5. Shri R. P. Purohit	: Member
6. Dr. S. S. Kadam	: Member
7. Dr. S. K. Mahajan	: Member
8. Dr. D. R. More	: Member
9. Prof G. V. Parishwad	: Member Secretary
10. Smt. Shalaka Gulabchand Dhawan	: Invitee
11. Dr. A.P. Vaidya	: Faculty Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Vijay Pusalkar, Prof. R. Unikrishnan, and Prof P. J. Kulkarni.

### **Item No. 1:**

#### **To confirm Minutes of 217<sup>th</sup> AC meeting**

The Director tabled the Minutes, already circulated, of the 217<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on 22-11-2016 at Business Center, The Oberoi Hotel, Mumbai. It was then

Resolved that the Minutes of the 217<sup>th</sup> 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 217<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The Director tabled the report on the action taken on various resolutions made by the Council during its 217<sup>th</sup> meeting. The members discussed the report and it was then

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

**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. The members discussed the initiatives. While appreciating the students' placement record, the Chairman suggested that data for students opting for higher studies be separately presented. He also asked the Director to present median salary offered to students by the recruiting companies.

The members also discussed in detail the expenditure heads under TEQIP and ways to speed up implementation in the next four weeks. The Director assured that most of the remaining expenditure is already planned to be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – the closing date of TEQIP phase II. The DTE informed the members that a meeting is called tomorrow in his office to discuss additional measures for maximum utilization of TEQIP funds. The members noted the overall progress with satisfaction. It was then

Resolved that the activity report is noted.

**Item No. 4:**

**To consider financial statements for the period 01-04-2016 to 31-12-2016**

The balance sheets for both college and activity account for the period from 01-04-2016 to 31-12-2016 along with the Income and Expenditure statements in extract form were presented to the Council. Shri Chakor Gandhi raised concern about high deficit. It was pointed out that the issue relates to the Item No. 7 and will be discussed in due course. The Director informed the members that these financial statements were also presented in the Finance Committee meeting held on 06-02-2017, which has discussed and recommended the same to the Administrative Council. It was then

Resolved that the financial statements (Balance Sheets and Income-Expenditure statements) for the period from 01-04-2016 to 31-12-2016 are noted.

**Item No. 5:**

**To consider annual Budgets for College, Activity and Hostels for the financial year 2017-18**

The Director informed the Council that the annual budget for the financial year 2017-18 for College, Activity and Hostel sections has been prepared and presented in the Local Management Committee in its meeting on 04-02-2017 at Sangli and the Finance Committee on 06-02-2017 at Pune. Based on total sanctioned posts, the total expenditure budget on College account is Rs. 32.83 crore. After considering tuition fees, the grant is estimated to be Rs. 28.1 crore. The budget projected a deficit of Rs. 2 crore for 2017-18. Rs. 5.4 crores is budgeted for laboratory equipment from the Development Reserve Fund. In the Activity account, expenditure of Rs. 2 crores is estimated for PG faculty and academics and Rs. 2 crore towards overall electrical and campus maintenance and development during the year. In the hostel budget, total receipts are estimated at Rs. 2.2 crore. The recurring expenditure on hostel is budgeted at Rs. 1.21 crore. Rs. 99 lakh is budgeted for improvements in hostels, installing solar power and waste-water treatment plant during 2017-18.

The Finance Committee discussed the budget in its meeting on 06-02-2017 and recommended these to the Council for approval. The members discussed the budget details. It was then,

Resolved that annual budget for College, Activity and Hostel sections for the financial year 2017-18 is approved.

**Item No. 7:**

**To discuss the issue of reduced grant due to Sevarth not giving salary grant for contractual and other faculty and its financial impact.**

The Director presented analysis of reduction in grant due to the government implementing "Sevarth" scheme for payment of salary only to approved faculty and staff effective from April 2017. The DTE Dr. Mahajan informed the members that the proposal of giving 100% salary as against 90% to WCE as at present is under consideration of the government. But the government is not inclined to give grant for contractual faculty and staff. He advised that the college must fill up its teaching and non-teaching vacant posts out of the sanctioned posts.

The Director mentioned that nearly 50% posts are lying vacant due to delays by the government authorities in giving approvals for faculty and staff Rosters, a pre-requisite for advertising the posts. The members expressed that appointing some contractual faculty and staff is unavoidable to maintain academic standards. Shri Chakor Gandhi raised the concern about rising deficit in the absence of adequate grant from the government. The DTE then suggested that this problem could be overcome by the College if the tuition fee retention is allowed to the college, which can be used for paying salaries of additional staff. Shri Purohit pointed out that the college's proposal for fee retention is pending for many years.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Director should submit a fresh proposal for tuition fee retention and follow it up at higher levels.

**Item No. 8:**

**To consider the issue of WCE regular UG faculty not approved by DTE due to non-equivalence**

The Director informed the Council that the DTE did not approve the appointments of 8 faculty members due to non-equivalence of qualifications and other reasons, although Shivaji University has approved these appointments. He also mentioned that the changed qualification norms of the government were in place only for a brief period during 2013-15. The faculty members were selected and appointed in January 2014 by following a proper procedure. The DTE decision will also have financial implications. The DTE informed the Council that the matter is put up before the Principal Secretary and a meeting has been scheduled tomorrow, i.e. on 01-03-2017.

The members advised the Director to represent the matter suitably in the meeting with the Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department.

**Item No. 9:**

**To consider proposals from faculty for foreign Travel**

The Director submitted a proposal for partial financial assistance of Rs. 50000/- to be given to Dr. A.J. Umbarkar, Asst. Professor in Information Technology, as per the institute guidelines, for presenting research paper at an international conference at Rome, Italy. His proposal has been recommended after scrutiny by two committees as per the existing policy. Dr. Umbarkar will have to bear the remaining expenses on his own. The members discussed the proposal and it was then,

Resolved that the proposal of giving partial financial assistance (maximum Rs. 50,000/-) to Dr. A.J. Umbarkar from the Institute funds for presenting paper in international conference in Italy is approved.

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



SECRETARY

Date: 28<sup>th</sup>February 2017