



# Walchand College of Engineering Sangli

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 226<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting No. : 226<sup>th</sup>  
Day/Date : Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Time : 02.30 pm  
: Business Centre, The Oberoi  
Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Shri Ajit Gulabchand : In chair
2. Shri C.N. Gandhi : Member
3. Shri R.P. Purohit : Member
4. Shri Shrirang Kelkar : Member
5. Prof. P.G. Sonavane : In-charge Member Secretary
6. Mrs. Shalaka Gulabchand Dhawan : Management Invitee

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjaykaka Patil, Shri Vijay Pusalkar, Dr. V. N. Gupchup, Dr. Shivajirao Kadam, Prof. P.S. Patil, Dr. Amit Datta, and Dr. Abhay Wagh.

Chairman informed members about the appointment of Dr. P. G. Sonavane as in-charge Director till further order and asked Dr. Sonavane to proceed with the agenda of the meeting.

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

#### **To confirm Minutes of 225<sup>th</sup> AC meeting**

The in-charge Director tabled the Minutes of the 225<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on 21-08-2018 at WCE, Sangli. The Minutes were already circulated to members. It was then

Resolved that the Minutes of the 225<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 225<sup>th</sup> meeting**

The in-charge Director tabled the report of the action taken on various resolutions made by the Council during its 225<sup>th</sup> 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 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 the overall progress at WCE and appreciated achievements of students in the Hackathons and other competitions and sports. While satisfied at student placement reaching 79%, the members noticed low placement in the Civil engineering batch. The Chairman suggested that the local civil contractors should be invited to interact with students for securing job offers, especially for graduating civil engineers. The Chairman also wanted to know what vocations the remaining students pursue. The in-charge Director assured the Chairman about acting on the suggestions in the current semester. The members also expressed satisfaction over the progress of TEQIP during this period.

Resolved that the activity report is noted.

**Item No. 4:**

**To consider financial statements for the period 01-04-2018 to 31-12-2018**

The Balance Sheets for College, Activity, Hostel and SGRF accounts for the period from 01-04-2018 to 31-12-2018 along with the Income and Expenditure statements were presented to the Council. The in-charge Director informed the members that the deficit in the College Account has increased to Rs. 162.7 lakh, partly due to inadmissible salary of some faculty. Loan from Activity Account to meet the deficit of College Account has increased sharply by Rs. 3.8 crore, mainly due to the delay in receiving salary grant from the government to the tune of Rs. 3.24 crore. It was reported that the amount payable to Activity Account has increased to Rs. 2.6 crore, due to shortage of staff.

Shri Chakor Gandhi informed the Council about the Finance Committee meeting of 07-02-2019 held in Sangli and requested the Council to direct the College to implement a professional ERP system and also appoint a Senior Accountant urgently to supervise and manage financial affairs in the College. The members agreed to both the suggestions. The in-charge Director informed the Council that the Finance Committee had, in its meeting held on 07-02-2019, discussed these 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, hostel and SGRF accounts for the period from 01-04-2018 to 31-12-2018 are noted.

Further resolved that the in-charge Director should implement a credible ERP solution in the College and also appoint an experienced person to work as Senior Accountant.

**Item No. 5:**

**To consider for approval the Internal Audit Report of TEQIP - III for the period 01-04-2018 to 30-09-2018**

The in-charge Director reported that the college has received Rs. 2.54 crore out of the total Rs. 7.0 crore grant to be received under TEQIP phase III. Out of this, Rs. 46.64 lakh was spent till 31-04-2018. During Apr-Sep 2018 further amount of Rs. 1.5 crore

was spent. The auditors approved by the NPIU have conducted internal audit of the expenditure during this period. There were no major adverse observations made by the auditors. The internal audit reports were presented and discussed in the Finance Committee meeting held on 07-02-2109. The Council noted the in-Charge Director's report on the TEQIP audit and it was, then

Resolved that the internal Audit Report of TEQIP - III for the period 01-04-2018 to 30-09-2018 is approved.

**Item No. 6:**

**To consider Budget for the financial year 2019-20 for College, Activity Accounts and Hostel Account**

In-charge Director presented the details of the college budget prepared for College, Activity and the Hostel Accounts for the financial year 2019-20. He informed the Council that the budget is prepared this time with receipts and expenditures clearly accounted under revenue and capital heads and in particular, expenditures identified based on the overall requirements obtained from faculty and students with focus on curriculum needs. On the basis of all sanctioned posts, the College Account is projected to have a deficit of Rs. 1.6 crore in 2019-20 compared to Rs. 1.4 crore in the current year. In the Activity Account, a surplus of Rs. 1.05 core is estimated, leaving an overall net deficit of Rs. 57 lakh. Major expenditure in the Activity Account is on salary of PG and other staff (Rs. 4.87) crore). Major capital expenditure is planned on upgrading laboratories (Rs. 2.83 crore), computer hardware and software (Rs. 1.5 crore) and campus infrastructure refurbishment (Rs. 2.34 crore). Further details are given in budget tables. In the Hostel budget, provision of Rs. 7.5 crore is made for construction of a new hostel.

The budget details were presented in the meeting of Finance Committee held on 07-02-2019 in Sangli. The Committee discussed the budget in details and appreciated the efforts of the Budget Committee in carrying out the task. The Finance Committee recommended the budget for approval to the Administrative Council.

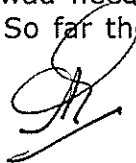
Council members noted the budget and expressed satisfaction at the efforts to keep overall deficit lower and also to align expenditures to institutes development objectives. After some discussion, it was then

Resolved that the institute budget for the financial year 2019-20 as presented by the in-charge Director for the College, Activity Account and Hostel Account is approved.

**Item No. 7:**

**To ratify reappointment of Director Dr. G. V. Parishwad for two years**

The Chairman informed the Council members that Dr. G. V. Parishwad's appointment for Director was for a period of five years, which ended on 25-02-2019. The Chairman considered various aspects and appointed an External Peer Review Committee, as per the UGC guidelines, which recommended reappointment of Dr. Parishwad. Thereafter, on 05-02-2019 the Chairman reappointed Dr. Parishwad as Director for two years and informed government authorities. However, Dr. Parishwad needed to obtain extension to his lien from government, for which he has applied. So far there is no communication from the



government on Dr. Parishwad's lien application. Meanwhile, pending decision on lien of Dr. Parishwad, the Chairman has permitted him to join duties at his previous institute, College of Engineering, Pune, effective from 26-02-2019. Also, in the interim, Dr. P. G. Sonavane, the Deputy Director, has been appointed as in-charge Director till further orders.

Council members appreciated the steps taken by the Chairman in the interest of the institute. However, members pondered as to how long to wait for lien approval. After discussions and considering the elections and the code of conduct being in force for the government, it was then

Resolved that the decisions taken by the Chairman in reappointment of Dr. Parishwad for a period of two years, permitting him to resume work at College of Engineering Pune pending his lien approval and appointment of Dr. P. G. Sonavane as in-charge Director in the interim are ratified.

Further resolved that the Chairman is authorized to take appropriate decisions regarding appointment of Director in case the lien approval of Dr. Parishwad is unduly delayed.

**Item No. 8:**

**To consider request of Dr. U.A. Dabade, Professor in Mechanical Engineering Department for deputation as State Project Adviser (SPA) at DTE, Rajasthan**

In-charge Director informed the Council that Dr. U. A. Dabade has been selected as State Project Adviser at the Directorate of Technical Education, Jaipur, for supervising implementation of TEQIP in Rajasthan State. He has applied for the Council's permission to join as SPA in Jaipur on deputation till the end of TEQIP phase III, i.e. September 2020. The members desired to know about faculty position in Mechanical Engineering dept. and whether arrangements have been made for academic workload in case Dr. Dabade's request for deputation is permitted. The in-charge Director assured the members about proper arrangements being made for completion of students course work. It was then

Resolved that the request of Dr. U. A. Dabade to join DTE, Rajasthan as State Project Adviser for a period till end of TEQIP phase III is approved.

**Item No. 9:**

**To consider allowing Associate Professors and Assistant Professors with PhD for various administrative positions in the institute**

In-charge Director explained that at present, we consider only professors for assigning responsibilities like Dean and Head of Department. Since there are total of only 8 professors across all departments, we are presently giving these responsibilities to senior Associate Professors as in-charge. This is not appreciated by visiting committees of NBA, NAAC, UGC, etc. The in-charge Director, therefore, tabled a proposal for the Council to allow other faculty members who are associate/assistant professors with Ph. D. qualifications to be considered for giving the responsibilities of department Head and Deans. He informed the members that such practice is followed in other institutes and even at IITs.

The members discussed the proposal and considered that allowing assistant and associate professors also to share these responsibilities should improve faculty participation in college administration. After discussions, it was then

Resolved that the proposal to consider associate professors and assistant professors with Ph. D. qualifications is approved in principle and the in-charge Director is asked to frame guidelines for allocating duties of Deans and HODs from among eligible faculty members.

**Item No. 10:**  
**Any other item with the permission of Chair**

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

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN