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**Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Management (BoM) held on 16/07/2014 at 2.30 pm in meeting hall**

Ninth meeting of Board of Management (BoM) was held on 16/07/2014 at 2.30 pm in the meeting hall of the administrative building of the institute. Following members were present for the meeting.

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| 1. Dr. Vijay Bhatkar     | - | Chairman         |
| 2. Dr. G. N. Vankhede    | - | Member           |
| 3. Dr. N. D. Ghawaghawe  | - | Member           |
| 4. Dr. S. N. Khante      | - | Member           |
| 5. Prof. D. N. Shinghade | - | Invited Member   |
| 6. Mr. Sanjiv Bambal     | - | Invited Member   |
| 7. Adv. Pradip Mahalle   | - | Legal Advisor    |
| 8. Dr. W. Z. Gandhare    | - | Member Secretary |

At the outset, Principal and Member Secretary Dr. W. Z. Gandhare, welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and all Hon'ble Members of the BoM. Member Secretary welcomed the newly inducted Mr. Sanjiv Bambal (Member Invitee) from Cognizant Technology Solutions Pune and committee. Adv. Mr. Pradip Mahalle (Legal Advisor), in the Board of Management. Hon'ble Members, Principal Secretary, Dr. R. K. Shevgaonkar, Mr. Sanjay Jadhao, Mr. R. D. Patil and Dr. M. S. Randive could not attend the meeting due to some preoccupied work and their absence was granted by BoM.

Dr. W. Z. Gandhare, Member Secretary delivered the presentation highlighting the progress of Institute and the agenda items of the meeting. While presenting the attainment of BoM reforms, Hon'ble Chairman enquired about the status of progress of face upliftment works and renovation works of toilet blocks especially in hostels. Member Secretary clarified

that the campus beautification works, repairing works of the toilet blocks in the hostels and other minor civil works were in progress. Now they are expected to be completed shortly.

While presenting the highlighted events such as the faculty visits to abroad, Hon. Chairman asked the Member Secretary, to form a sub-committee of three members from BoM and one member from outside. The committee shall prepare an action plan for reviewing the attitudinal changes amongst the faculty visited abroad for International conferences, study tour *etc.* Hon. Chairman also expressed his views that students and society should get maximum benefits by proper utilization of funds for such events.

Hon. Member Mr. Sanjiv Bambal suggested that, students should be motivated for choosing the industry based projects for their final year project course. The resources required for such projects are to be provided from TEQIP fund. Hon. Chairman also insisted that faculty availing the TEQIP fund for international travel should strive for having collaboration for R&D with the university / institutes where they were visiting during the international travel. He also suggested that final year students should be encouraged to become the entrepreneurs. The institute should have budget upto Rs. 2.0 lacs for mentoring from the institute such as IITs for this activity. Hon. Member Mr. Sanjiv Bambal expressed the view that maximum output from this Institute goes to IT industries. According to his experience, industry had to spend one year for making these students workable inconformity with the need of industry, and therefore, most of the industries were ready to go to the institute to get integrated with the students from second year itself for delivering the skills according to their requirements. He assured on behalf of Cognizant Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd that, they were ready to extend the cooperation for enhancing the employable skills of students from second year onwards according to industry needs, subjected to commitment from the Institute. He also suggested that Institute should initiate the interaction with top forum available in India for making the students more competent. Hon. Chairman suggested that Dr. P. D. Porey, Director, Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel National Institute of Technology, Surat should be invited in the committee for preparation of action plan for effective utilization of TEQIP-II fund. After the presentation of Institutional highlights agenda items were presented.

**Item No. 14: To note & confirm the minutes of Eighth BoM meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

Minutes of Eighth BoM meeting were noted and confirmed by the BoM.



**Item No. 15: To note action taken on Eighth BoM meeting**

Member Secretary Dr. W. Z. Gandhare presented the actions which expected to be taken on eighth BoM meeting. Hon. Chairman asked about the status of faculty recruitment process. It was clarified that the item is taken as a separate item under AICTE show-cause notice.

BoM noted the action taken report on eighth BoM meeting and approved the same.

**Item No. 16: To note the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

BoM noted the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and approved the same.

**Item No. 17: To recommend the lists of B. Tech. and M. Tech. Degree Eligible students for award of degree by SGB Amravati University, Amravati**

BoM noted and recommended the lists of 451 B. Tech. and 53 M. Tech. degree eligible students for award of degree to the SGB Amravati University. Legal advisor Adv. Pradip Mahalle suggested for putting only policy matters in BoM meetings instead of routine administrative matters. Hon. Chairman enquired about the same. BoM member Dr. N. D. Ghawghawe clarified that SGB Amravati University issued the final degrees to graduating students on the recommendation of Board of Management of the Institute. Hence it was essential to put the item in agenda of the meeting. He further brought into the kind notice of BoM that the other Govt. authorities require the administrative approvals from BoM hence such matters were required to be discussed in the meeting and decisions were to be sought in BoM. However the suggestions from Hon. Chairman and Adv. Mahalle would be taken into consideration to optimize the BoM agenda so that maximum time of BoM would be spent on Institute's development. Hon. Chairman suggested that BoM agenda should be divided in two parts. Part-I would consist of strategic and policy issues and part-II would consist of routine administrative issues.

**Item No. 18: To approve the recommendation of Building Works Committee (BWC)**

While discussing the recommendations of Building Works committee Hon. Chairman insisted that the good quality fixtures were to be used for toilets. After noting the budget of Rs. 150.0 lacs for repairing of toilets, Hon. Adv. Pradip Mahalle suggested that members of BoM should visit the department to check the quality of work carried out by the contractor. Adv. Mahalle enquired whether the repairing works were undertaken by the Institute, instead

of outsourcing it to PWD. BoM Member Dr. N. D. Ghawghawe clarified that Institute preferred to get the major works done by PWD. However looking into the urgent need, minor repairing and refurbishment works were and are being completed by Building Works Committee. Since the constitution of Building Works Committees in all autonomous Institutes is made as per the Govt. resolution, building related works were expected to be executed by the committee. Hon. Chairman insisted that quality of repairing works should be ensured. Hon. Chairman asked whether, the Institute had appointed the Architectural Consultant for development of campus as resolved in previous meeting. Principal told that an advertisement was published in newspaper, but there was no response. He told that discussions were going on with local architectures, and would be appointed shortly. Hon. Chairman suggested that there should be an aesthetic sense for selection of colors and other allied things.

Member Secretary, Building Works Committee (BWC), Dr. S. P. Tatewar was called to seek more information about the modalities being followed for selection of colors and allied activities and progress of repairing of toilet blocks in various departments. Dr. S. P. Tatewar, Member Secretary, BWC clarified that, services of experts were hired according to need. He told that work of repairing the toilet block was in progress. In response to the query of Hon. Chairman, whether the BWC supervises the repairing, he nodded. Hon. Chairman urged once again the need of appointing architect on priority for hiring the services as on required, who would advise about selection colors and other allied things according to aesthetic sense before the works are allotted to PWD or internally at Institute level, for their execution. He also advised not to stick up with traditional approach but to adopt the approach for getting quality works. He said that there were competent architectures in Amravati, whose services could be utilized for development of campus. He also said to carry out surprise visits to various toilet blocks of the Institute's buildings.

BoM noted and approved the recommendations of BWC.

**Item No. 19: To approve the recommendations of Finance Committee**

BoM discussed the various recommendations of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014. BoM approved the following-

- i. Revision in M. Tech. Registration fees for Dissertation
- ii. Although Building Works Committee demanded Rs. 156.45 Lacs for different building works and Rs. 40.00 Lacs for Placement Cell, finance committee



- recommended Rs. 150.00 Lacs to BWC. It was directed BWC to complete the works on priority basis.
- iii. The additional provision of Rs. 12.00 Lacs to be paid as affiliation fee to SGB Amravati University, Amravati
  - iv. The budget expenditure by the various departments for the year 2014-15, subject to corrections (if any) as pointed out in the audit to be carried out very soon
  - v. Honorarium of Rs. 3000/- per month to hostel rector and Rs. 2000/- per month to hostel warden
  - vi. BoM approved the recommendation of Finance Committee for inclusion of payment on Electricity/Telephone/Water Bills / Contractual Services for guards/ Sweeper from tuition fees as a part of temporary provisions.

A letter from Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai regarding the expenses under DCA grant was discussed and it was resolved that DCA grants were to be utilized according to institutes Purchase Rules and Financial Powers – 2013 approved by the BoM earlier.

BoM noted and approved the recommendations of finance committee with the above decisions and suggestions.

**Item No. 20: To note the show cause notice issued by AICTE**

Member Secretary informed the BoM that, Institute was in receipt of show-cause notice from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi for failing to comply with the requirement of staff & student ratio, cadre ratio and mandatory disclosure on its website besides other deficiencies as laid down by AICTE. In this notice the AICTE issued a show-cause regarding the deficiencies at the Institute.

Member Secretary informed that the Institute complied with most of the deficiencies as pointed out by the AICTE and for some deficiencies the activities were in progress. The Institute had given the undertaking to AICTE regarding to comply the deficiencies within three months to avoid the action of withdrawal of approval by AICTE. Inadequate number of faculty at various positions was the major deficiency as pointed out by AICTE. Hon. Adv. Mahalle expressed the strong displeasure over the casual approach of Government towards the filling of vacant faculty positions in the Institute. He suggested that considering the gravity of situation of withdrawal of approval by AICTE, the BoM should approach the High Court seeking the direction to Government for filling the vacant positions at earliest possible. Member secretary Dr. W. Z. Gandhare, told that the process of recruitment of contractual

faculty at Institute level had been started and same was complied to AICTE. On the basis of this compliance made to AICTE, the extension of approval to the Institute for 2014-15 was granted.

In response to the Advertisement for recruitment of the contractual faculty Hon. Director, Directorate of Technical Education Maharashtra Mumbai, issued a letter to the Institute with a mention of its inability to make the payment to the recruited faculty from Government Salary Grants, Directorate also enquired whether the sanctioned roster conditions were followed for recruitments.

Taking the cognizance of AICTE show cause notice and the negligence of filling up the regular posts at state Government level, Hon. Chairman directed to arrange a meeting of BoM representatives with the Director, Directorate of Technical Education at his office. He told to write a letter to DTE with issue wise reply for the above said letter. He also assured to raise the issue for filling up the regular faculty, to Hon. Minister of Higher and Technical Education and Hon. Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra. In case if no action was taken in this regards, BoM would contemplate to go to court seeking direction to the Government for filling up the vacant posts.

BoM noted the issue as raised by AICTE in show cause notice.

**Item No. 21: To note the progress of TEQIP-II and approve the various proposals**

BoM noted the progress of TEQIP-II and approved the following-

- i. The international travel proposals of Dr. W. Z. Gandhare and Dr. N. N. Khobragade as mentioned on page no. 85 in book of enclosures-II
- ii. BoM also approved the following proposals of faculty attending the International Conferences of the following faculty. These proposals could not be enclosed with book of enclosure as they were received at the time of BoM -
  1. Dr. S. N. Khante, Associate Professor, Applied Mechanics for presenting paper at International Conference at Opole, Poland during 17-18 October 2014
  2. Dr. S. S. Pusadkar, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering for presenting paper at International Conference at Brisbane, Australia during 19-21 November 2014
  3. Dr. R. M. Metkar, Asstt. Prof., Mechanical Engineering for presenting paper at International Conference at Montreal, Canada during 14-20 November 2014



4. Prof. P. R. Pachghare, Asstt. Prof., Mechanical Engineering for presenting paper at International Conference at Montreal, Canada during 14-20 November 2014
- iii. BoM also noted and approved the expenditures made up to 30.06.2014.

BoM noted the activities completed earlier under TEQIP-II which are as mentioned on pp. 84 of Book of Enclosures-II

**Item No. 22: To note the NBA evaluation report**

BoM has noted the NBA evaluation report and asked the Principal, to strive for mitigating the deficiencies pointed out in the NBA report.

**Item No. 23: To note the extension of autonomy till 2020**

BoM has noted the report of University Grant Commission, New Delhi for granting the extension of autonomy to the institute till 2020 for UG, PG, and Ph. D. programs.

**Item No. 24: To note the achievement of the institute during 2013-14**

BoM has noted the achievement of institute during 2013-14. Hon. Chairman congratulated the institute for its achievement.

**Item No. 25: Any other items with the permission of Chair**

Most of the BoM members, insisted that as per the Govt. resolution no. WBP 2004/(341)/(2)/TE-06 dt. 31.03.2004, Govt. College of Engineering Amravati was granted autonomous status. Earlier, UGC committee accorded the autonomy to the Institute till the year 2012 and recently the committee had given extension of autonomy to the Institute till 2020. Board of Management of the Institute was constituted accordingly. Governing system in the autonomous Institutes had been defined as per the GR No. 2010/(170/10)/TE-2 dt. 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. The GR clearly states the administrative and financial powers delegated to the Board of Management of the Institute. However, still some objections and issues were being raised from higher authorities such as Directorate of Technical Education regarding the execution of powers by Board of Management. Also Govt. auditors do not respond to the

purchase procedure approved by BoM, being carried at Institute level. In these regards, the members of BoM insisted urgently to get clarification from Govt. regarding the various issues. Hon. Chairman directed to arrange the meeting with the Director, DTE, Mumbai and respective authorities at Mumbai office. The DTE representative Hon. Mr. D. N. Shingade, Joint Director, Amravati Regional Office, DTE was directed to take the initiative to arrange the meeting at earliest possible. The agenda of the meeting shall include the recruitment process being adopted at Institute level and the powers delegated to BoM at Institute level as per above GR dt. 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. A committee will consist of the following BoM members.

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| 1. Dr. W. Z. Gandhare,  | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. D. N. Shingade | Member   |
| 3. Dr. G. N. Vankabede  | Member   |
| 4. Adv. Pradip Mahalle  | Member   |
| 5. Dr. N. D. Ghawghawe  | Member   |
| 6. Dr. S. N. Khante     | Member   |

Hon Chairman expected to sort out the issues through one or more meetings of this subcommittee.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Hon'ble Chairman and all Hon'ble members by Member Secretary.



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