

# Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pauri (Uttarakhand)

Date: 25 June, 2020

## Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council of G. B. Pant Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pauri was held through video conferencing on 25 June, 2020. Due to restrictions on travel and interactions on account of corona pandemic, the mode of conduct of the Meeting was made online. The following members participated in the Meeting.

1. Prof. B. S. Bisht, Former Vice Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar, Chairman
2. Prof. N. S. Chaudhari, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun Member
3. Prof. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi, UGC Nominee
4. Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand, Dehradun Member
5. Prof. M. P. Singh, Former Dean, College of Technology, Pantnagar Member
6. Shri Hari Singh, Director, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand Member
7. Prof. Ashutosh Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, GBPIET, Pauri Member
8. Dr. Yatindra Kumar, Associate Professor Department of Electrical Engineering, GBPIET, Pauri Member
9. Prof. M. K. Panda, SPA, SPIU, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) Special Invitee
10. Prof. M. P.S. Chauhan, Director, G.B. Pant Institute of Engg. & Technology, Pauri Member Secretary

Shri Om Prakash, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand Government was available for consultation during the Meeting.

Those who could not participate on account of unavoidable reasons were: (1) Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Uttarakhand (Member), (2) Prof. A. Ahuja, Former Professor, IIT Roorkee (Member) and (3) Prof. S. P. Singh, IIT Roorkee (Member).

### 10.01 Welcome Note and Opening Remarks

The Meeting started with welcome address by Dr. M.P.S. Chauhan, the Director and Member Secretary. He extended warm welcome to the Chairman and all the participating Members. The Member Secretary informed that this meeting was being organized on-line video conferencing because of Covid-19 problems and restrictions in movements.

The Chairman also expressed warm welcome to all the participating Members and wished that all others who could not make it on account of various reasons would join at later stage during the course of the Meeting. He observed that it is the second meeting of the Governing Council of the Institute that is being held through video conferencing. The Chairman also stated that the Institute is now on sound footing with most of the faculty positions filled, admissions capacity at its best, infrastructure significantly developed and almost all faculty members got adequate training to support their academic assignments and effectiveness. Now the need is to connect with the society for problem solving through technological and managerial interventions in the form of R&D and extension activities. He desired that all the faculty members in association with technical staff and industry must have at least one externally funded research project.

The Chairman also desired that the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of the Uttarakhand Technical University as well as State Administration must be consulted to resolve pending issues including admissions in M. Tech. and Ph.D. programmes and matters related to recruitments. He further observed that uniform rules and procedures must be followed in all the constituent Colleges of the University and problems if any must be resolved through consultations in the overall interest of the students and progress of the Institutes. The Chairman then invited the Director and Member Secretary to put up the Agenda items for discussion and decisions.

## **10.02. Presentation by Director of Institute**

The Director and Member Secretary presented salient features of the progress of the Institute. He stated that the Governing Council (G.C.) has been playing important role in guiding the Institute in its academic, R&D and managerial issues. Not only TEQIP-III Project but also for the Institute, G.C. has been a source of motivation. The following salient achievements were presented by the Member Secretary.

Institute is all set to organize an International Conference (online) in association with Mentor Institute AUCE, Visakhapatnam on Smart Machine Intelligence and Real Time Computing 2020 (SMARTCOM - 20) on June 26-27, 2020. The conference is going to be indexed by world renowned scientific publishing houses CRC Press (Taylor and Francis) indexing with SCOPUS, Web of Science, Thomson Reuters etc. Member Secretary further informed the Council that more than 250 research papers are received from all over the



world. Based on the reviewer comments, 150 research papers are accepted for presentation out of which 115 research papers are registered for the presentation.

The Institute has submitted Pre-Qualifier (PQ) of "NBA" accreditation for the Departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science & Engineering. The G.C expressed satisfaction on the performance of the Institute on above fronts.

### **10.03 Confirmation of Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council**

The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council had been circulated through e mail. Few observations have been received which are incorporated.

The G.C. adopted the Minutes as confirmed.

### **10.04 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Recommendations of the 9<sup>th</sup> G.C. Meeting**

As per the suggestions made by honourable members in the last G.C Meeting that the Member Secretary has to fix-up a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, UTU to resolve all the issues such as starting new UG courses, PG and Ph.D. admissions, it is being arranged.

### **10.05 Approval of various Academic Activities**

The Member Secretary informed the G.C. about various academic activities completed by the Institute during last six months. The G.C. expressed satisfaction.

### **10.06 Any other items by the permission of Chairman**

Shri Pankaj Gupta desired to know the preparedness of the Institute for managing the academic programmes during and after the lock-down. He suggested to constitute a Group for detailed analysis of gap (prior and post COVID) and then the institute may act accordingly to work out strategy to minimize the loss on account of lock-down and effect on quality of education. He also expressed offered his services for strengthening industry-institution linkages. He also suggested to initiate and operate the skill mapping programme for helping the society and also to prepare the students' readiness for the industries.

Shri Hari Singh, Director, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand emphasized to work for the on-line placement of final year students.

Dr. M. P. Singh suggested to take care of the loss in conducting practical classes.

Prof. N. S. Chaudhari informed that this year admissions will be held on merit basis in Class-XII examinations. Soon, notification will be issued for the procedure to be followed. He also informed that in cases of Ph.D. admissions in past, the process followed will be looked into for regularizing the cases.

Dr. B. S. Bisht, Chairman commented the following:

- (1) The Institute deserves appreciations for conducting the academic and other activities on regular basis even during the lock-down period. Special appreciations for the director in this regard. All the faculty and staff also deserve appreciations.
- (2) The Institute has recorded improvement in GATE score of the students which is very encouraging.
- (3) International Conference at substantially large scale is being organized on 26 and 27 June, 2020.
- (4) R&D and ToT activities are still required to be taken up at the level of each faculty Member. These should relate to solving some of the post COVID problems likely to be faced by the Society and encourage Start-ups in nearby areas.
- (5) Institute must devise plans for online internship and holding of practical classes.

The Chairman also expressed sincere thanks to all the Honourable members of the G.C. for their active participation , comments and suggestions and wished speedy progress for the Institute.

The Member Secretary extended invitations to the Chairman and Members to participate in the International Conference being organized on 26 and 27 June, 2020.

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**Prof. M. P. S Chauhan**  
**(Director and Member Secretary)**

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**Prof. B. S. Bisht**  
**(Chairman)**