



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

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Minutes of 11th Meeting of the Governing Council

The 11th Meeting of the Governing Council of G. B. Pant Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pauni was held on 14 September, 2020 in off-line as well as on-line model video conferencing in view of COVID-19 problems. The following participated:

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| 1. | Prof. (Dr.) B. S. Bisht, Former Vice-Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar | Chairman |
| 2. | Mrs. Radha Raturi, IAS, ACS, Govt. of Uttarakhand, | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. | Prof. (Dr.) N.S. Chaudhari, Vice Chancellor, UTU, Dehradun | Member |
| 4. | Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Tripathi, IIT, BHU (UGC Nominee) | Member |
| 5. | Shri Pankaj Gupta, President. Industries Association of Uttarakhand | Member |
| 6. | Prof. (Dr.) M. P. Singh. Former Dean, College of Technology, Pantnagar | Member |
| 7. | Smt. Jharna Kamtham, Additional Secretary-TE. Govt. of Uttarakhand. | Member |
| 8. | Mrs. Amita Joshi, Rep. Finance Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand | Member |
| 9. | Shri Hari Singh, Director, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand | Member |
| 10. | Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Gupta, Head, Mech. Engg., GBPIET Pauni | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Yatindra Kumar, Assoc. Prof., Elect. Engg., GBPIET Pauni | Member |
| 12. | Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Panda, SPA, SPIU, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) | Special Invitee |
| 13. | Prof. (Dr.) M.P.S. Chauhan, Director, GBPIET Pauni | Member Secretary |

Those who could not participate due to unavoidable reasons were: (1) Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh, I.I.T. Roorkee and (2) Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Ahuja, (Retd.), I.I.T. Roorkee.

11 GC.Min.01: Welcome Note and Opening Remarks

The Meeting started with welcome address by Prof. M.P.S. Chauhan, the Director and Member Secretary. He extended warm welcome to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and all the participating Members. Member Secretary congratulated the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Radha Raturi, IAS, ACS-Technical Education, for taking the charge of Technical Education of the State of Uttarakhand and extended welcome to her for joining this meeting for the first

time. The Member Secretary regretted the inconvenience caused to the Members as the Meeting had to be convened in off-line as well as on-line mode in view of COVID-19.

Prof. B. S. Bisht, Chairman, G.C. expressed warm welcome to Mrs. Radha Raturi, IAS, ACS, Technical Education, Uttarakhand for joining the Governing Council of GBPIET Pauri. He extended warm welcome to all the participating Members. The Chairman also stated that the Institute is now on sound footing with most of the faculty positions filled, admissions capacity has recorded the peak, 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 the ACS must be consulted to resolve pending issues including admissions in U.G., P.G. and Ph.D. programmes. He further emphasized that the UGC autonomy regulations are to be followed by the institute under the purview of UTU, Dehradun in the overall interest of the students. The Chairman then invited the Member Secretary to put up the Agenda items for discussion and decisions.

11 GC.Min.02: Progress Report on Performance of the Institute

The Director and Member Secretary presented progress report. The highlights have been as under. The Institute was established in the year 1989, it is located at 1,814 m (5,951ft.) above mean sea level. The Institute is affiliated to U.T.U. Dehradun and approved by the AICTE. It is having seven Departments of U.G. (CSE, ECE, EE, ME, CE, BT, PE), besides P.G. (MCA) and Applied Science & Humanities (ASH) Departments. It offers U.G., P.G. and Ph.D. programs in all the disciplines.

Salient achievements of the Institute during recent years have been:

- (1) Two of its Departments, ECE & ME have been accredited for a period of 3 years starting from academic year 2018-19.
- (2) It has been granted Academic Autonomy by U.G.C for 5 years starting from academic year 2019-20.

- 3) Sufficient faculty strength has been recruited in almost all the departments.
- (4) Two new U.G. programmes have been approved by AICTE starting from academic year 2020-21.
- (5) An International Conference SMARTCOM 2020 was organized on June 26-27, 2020. Honorable Chief Minister, Sri Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated this International Conference.
- (6) 13 numbers of international and national level Faculty Development Programmes and online internship for the students of all branches have been organized.
- (7) Three additional P.G. programs have been approved by AICTE: two are already running from academic 2019-20 and one has to start from 2020-21.
- (8) MOUs have been signed with NHA, and Advance Tech. Chandigarh.
- (9) As per the Performance Audit Report of TEQIP-III, institute continues to be ranked at number one in Uttarakhand.
- (10) Almost 50 % of the Faculty are having Ph.D. degree.
- (11) More than Rs. 1.25 Crore funds have been generated through national and international sponsorships of research projects.
- (12) Consultancy projects have also been going on specifically in the Department of Civil Engineering.
- (13) Institute got approval to open minor QIP centre in four departments.
- (14) NBA-SAR for EE is going to be uploaded by the end of the month.
- (15) International Conference on Integrating Innovation and Sustainability Engineering (ICIISE 2021) has been planned to be held in February 2021.
- (16) Institute is getting ready to apply for NIRF/ATAL ranking.

The G.C expressed satisfaction over the progress of the Institute.

11GC.Min.03: Confirmation of Minutes of 10th Meeting of the G.C.

The Minutes of 10th Meeting of the Governing Council on approval of the Chairman had been circulated through e-mail. No comments/ suggestions have been received. The Minutes were taken as confirmed and adopted.

●1 GC.Min.04: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Recommendations of the 10th G.C. Meeting

11 GC.Min.04.01: Meeting with Vice Chancellor, UTU regarding admissions in U.G., P.G., and Ph.D. and other issues

On recommendations of the G.C. in its 9th Meeting, the Director and senior Faculty Members had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, UTU on 20 Aug., 2020. It was to resolve issues/ problems faced by the Institute in admissions at U.G., P.G. and Ph.D level. The G.C. had appealed to the Vice Chancellor to help the Institute in resolving the issues. However, this Meeting did not result in any conclusive outcome. The pending issues include;

- (1) Regularization of Ph.D. admissions, and allow new admissions.
- (2) Allow the Institute to take admissions in P.G. (M. Tech.) programmes in view of autonomy granted by AICTE (on recommendations of U.T.U.).
- (3) Allow starting of two new P.G. programmes as already approved by the AICTE.

These issues were again discussed in the 11th Meeting of the G.C. It was noted that the G.C. may not have the authority to directly deal with admissions related issues. However, the House opined that academic and administrative matters are integral part of the system as envisaged in TEQIP documents and these impact the performance under TEQIP. Hence, the G.C. may like to discuss and give observations/ suggestions on admissions, conduct of Academic Activities and administrative issues. It was observed that no significant progress has been recorded in these regards. The G.C. again recommends that the Vice Chancellor as Head of the Higher Technical Education Institutions in the State, would help in resolving the pending issues in the broader interest of the students.

11 GC.Min.04.02: Approval of Procurement Plan

On the recommendations of the 7th G.C. Meeting, the Procurement Plan of the institute under TEQIP-III project i.e. work station is to be vetted by the External Specifications Committee (ESC) before initiating the purchase process. In this regard, the G.C. was informed that the process has been completed after vetting the Procurement Plan by the External Specifications Committee.

In compliance with the new procurement guidelines by NPIU, procurement is required to be done through GEM or NIC CPP e-procurement portal. The institute is already registered for NIC CPP e-procurement portal, but has not been made active by NPIU. Therefore; at present, procurement can be done only through GEM (Govt. e-Marketplace).

The representative of Secretary Finance Mrs. Amita Joshi raised the issue of guidelines followed by the Institute for procurement of goods and services. It was explained by the Member Secretary that a Central Purchase Committee (CPC) of the institute has been set up by the Government. The CPC consists of two Government nominees, Chief Treasury Officer and Joint Director, Technical Education, Director of Institute, TEQIP Coordinator, Account Officer/Nodal Officer Finance, Head of the Departments, Indenters, and Nodal Officer Procurement as a Member secretary of CPC.

Since GEM is the government e-marketing platform, hence the Member Secretary requested the Council to approve the purchase of items such as photocopying machine, furniture, learning resources (e-books/books/CISCO WEBEX) and large format display devices for the online activities as per the NPIU procurement guidelines. Member Secretary also acquainted the Governing Council that these items do not require the vetting of specifications by the ESC. The House accorded its in-principal approval with the recommendation that the CPC may be approached with details of each of the proposed items for vetting.

11 GC.Min.04.03: Approval for various Academic Activities

It was informed to the G.C. that the Institute will be organizing Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs). To conduct the sessions, well known experts at national/international level are drawn. Also, online internship programmes are being organized for students during COVID-19 period. Besides above, an International Conference on Integrating Innovations and Sustainability Engineering (ICIISE 2021) has been scheduled to be organized in the month of February 2021. The G.C. took note of the programmes and expressed satisfaction.

11 GC.Min.04.04: Approval for the Extension of NPIU Faculty and TEQIP-III Staff.

On a proposal from the Institute, the Governing Council recommended the extension of NPIU Faculty and TEQIP staff subject to the extension of TEQIP-III Project and approval

from NPIU/SPIU. It will be further subjected to the satisfactory work performance and conduct of the concerned individuals.

TEQIP-III staff so far has not been granted any increment in their salaries. Now the project is about to be over, hence the Institute proposes one-time 20% increment to all the TEQIP-III staff except the Faculty of the Institute and the NPIU with effect from April 2020. The G.C. recommends the award of proposed increment subjected to approval of NPIU.

11 GC.Min.05: Any other item on Permission of the Chairman

As there was no proposal other than the approved Agenda Items, hence, no item was separately included.

11 GC.Min.06: Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks

The Chairman Prof. B. S. Bisht expressed satisfaction over the progress of the Institute in Academic and Research activities. He however reminded the Institute that the faculty must also pay attention to the following:

- (1) Technology based start-ups through development of skills of young men and women in nearby rural areas.
- (2) Harnessing solar energy for lighting, heating of water, generation of electricity and processing of local fruits and vegetables.
- (3) Design of small workshops, habitats, retails points etc. suiting the local climatic conditions.
- (4) Stabilization of slopes in hilly areas and rain water retention/ harvesting.
- (5) Formulation of research projects for solving problems of the farmers, entrepreneurs and others in the district and the state. He expressed warm welcome to Mrs. Radha Raturi, IAS, ACS as Vice Chairperson to the Governing Council of GBPIET Pauri. He also expressed

sincere appreciations for the contribution of Honourable Members of the G.C. in terms of their valuable inputs and suggestions.

Prof. M.P.S. Chauhan, Director and Member Secretary proposed vote of thanks to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and all the Members. He also extended invitation to all the members of the Governing Council to visit the Institute at any convenient time and interact with the Faculty Members, staff and students in order to have first-hand experience of the status, problems and prospects of the Institute specifically in view of TEQIP-III Project.

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