

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

Date: 29 May, 2020

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Governing Council

The 9th Meeting of the Governing Council of G. B. Pant Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pauri was held through video conferencing on 29 May, 2020. Earlier it was scheduled to be organized at Dehradun. However, due to restrictions on travel and interactions on account of corona pandemic, the venue and mode of conduct of the Meeting were changed. The change caused inconvenience to some of the participants. The Director and member Secretary tendered apologies for the same. The following participated in the Meeting.

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| 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. S. P. Singh, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee | Member |
| 4. | Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand, Dehradun | Member |
| 5. | Prof. M. P. Singh, Former Dean, College of Technology, Pantnagar | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Ashutosh Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, GBPIET, Pauri | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Yatindra Kumar, Associate Professor Department of Electrical Engineering, GBPIET, Pauri | Member |
| 8. | Prof. M. K. Panda, SPA, SPIU, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Prof. M. P. S. Chauhan, Director, G. B. Pant Institute of Engg. & Technology, Pauri | Member Secretary |

The following Members had pressing engagements at the State and hence were consulted as and when their intervention was required.

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| 1. | Shri Om Prakash, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand | Vice-Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Hari Singh, Director, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand | Member |

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. A. K. Tripathi, IIT (BHU), Varanasi, UGC Nominee (Member).

9.01 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 there had been change in the venue of the meeting and its mode of conducting. Hence, regretted the inconvenience caused to the Members.

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 first ever 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. GATE scores of the final year students has been satisfactory. 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 and 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 Institute. The Chairman then invited the Director and Member Secretary to put up the Agenda items for discussion and decisions.

9.02. Presentation by Director of Institute

The Director and Member Secretary presented salient features of the progress of the Institute during last one year. 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.

Final Year students of the Institute excelled in GATE examination this year. Total 79 students qualified in GATE from the institute which is approx.31% of the total number of students in Final Year.

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 Springer, SCOPUS (Elsevier) and Web of Science.

The Institute is ready to apply for "NBA" accreditation for the Departments of Electrical Engg. and Computer Science & Engineering.

The institute has got approval from AICTE to open new undergraduate courses in the area of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and Manufacturing Engineering with an approved intake of 60 each. The institute also received AICTE approval to open new post graduate courses in area of Geo Technology in Civil Engineering with an approved intake capacity of 18 students.

The TEQIP- III Project would be closing by September 2020. One of the important Disbursement Link Indicator (DLI) is the expenditure. Institute has utilized 85% of its allocated funds.

The G.C expressed satisfaction on the performance of the Institute on above fronts.

9.03 Confirmation of Minutes of 8th Meeting of the Governing Council

The minutes of 8th Meeting of the Governing Council had been circulated through e mail. As no comments have been received, the G.C. adopted the Minutes as confirmed.

9.04. Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Recommendations of the 8th G.C. Meeting

The Member Secretary presented Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the 8th Meeting of Governing Council.

The Institute has developed proposals for transforming it into Centrally Funded Technical Institute (CFTI). The G.C. suggested that detailed proposal may be prepared in desired format and circulated among G.C. Members to seek suggestions. Further, it may be put up for approval of the Board of Governors and the State Government.

For awarding annual increments to the contractual non-teaching TEQUIP personnel, detailed proposal may be put up in the ensuing Meeting of the Governing Council. Comparative status with other TEQIP Institutions in the State may be presented.

9.05 Approval of various Academic Activities

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

9.06 Approval for starting B.C.A. Programme

The Member Secretary proposed that Bachelor of Computer Applications (B.C.A.) Programme may be approved for starting at the Institute. The G.C. discussed and desired that the requirements may be examined in details in consultation with the

affiliating University who would be awarding the degree. The G.C. also observed that approval on such matters may be requested from the Board of Governors.

9.07 Permission for the M. Tech. and Ph.D. admissions by the institute.

As being an autonomous Institution, the Member Secretary requested the Governing Council to grant permission to the Institute to admit students in M. Tech. and Ph.D. programmes at its own level. This would amount to non-dependence on the Uttarakhand Technical University on this aspect.

The Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Technical University as Member of the G.C. did not agree to this proposal. He stated that admissions and award of degrees at M. Tech. and Ph.D. level have been the responsibility of the University. Independence of the Institute for admissions would create problems for the affiliating University as already few Court cases have been going on.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Panda and Prof. Ashutosh Gupta, Members (faculty Representatives) informed the G.C. that admission process of M. Tech. and Ph.D. by UTU has been in problems, litigations and have been delayed. Hence, the Institute and potential students would suffer due to uncertainty and delays. This would result in inadequate use of national resources. Hence, there is a strong case that admissions at M. Tech. and Ph. D. level need to be left to the Institute.

Suggestions on this issue were also made by Shri Pankaj Gupta, Dr. Bhola Jha and other members. On detailed discussions, it was resolved by the G.C. that this matter in totality may be discussed by the Director of the Institute with the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of the University besides the Director, Technical Education and issues may be sorted out.

9.08 Approval of enhanced T.A., D.A. and Honorarium to Foreign Delegates

The Member Secretary proposed that foreign delegated invited for the Conferences/ Seminars at the Institute may be paid T.A., D.A. and honorarium as: (1) T.A. and

D.A.: On actual basis, and (2) Honorarium: Rs. 10,000/- for each Conference/Seminar.

It was discussed and not agreed by the Governing Council. However, the Council advised the following: Total T.A., D.A. and Honorarium payable to invited foreign experts for Conferences and seminars organized by the Institute would be limited to Rs. 25,000/- per expert as far as TEQIP budget source is concerned. For activities under Institute budget, approval from the BoG on case-to-case basis would be essential. This matter may be further discussed in the next meeting of the G.C. if the need be.

9.09 Any other items by the permission of Chairman

Shri Pankaj Gupta desired to know as to how the teaching and R&D work is going on at the Institute during the Lock-Down period on account of Corona pandemic. He suggested that the Institute must evolve solutions for post COVID problems also and encourage start-ups. He expressed readiness to visit the Institute for 2-3 days in order to interact with the Faculty and students. It was replied by the Director that classes are being held through video conferencing. The Chairman observed that quality is likely to get effected. The faculty may devise mechanism in view of quality considerations. Another problem would be of conducting practicals. It also needs to be looked seriously.

Dr. Bhola Jha, TEQIP Coordinator informed the G.C. how the institute has evolved online teaching - learning system. Monitoring team has been set up by the institute and time table has been framed by the respective Head of Departments. Every faculty is required to take up classes accordingly. For monitoring, in every faculty login id, the HoD, Registrar and Director have been added.

Dr. N. S. Chaudhari, Vice-Chancellor, UTU raised the issue of a new AICTE approval courses of UG programme (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning and Manufacturing Engg.) and P.G. programme (Geotechnical Engg.).

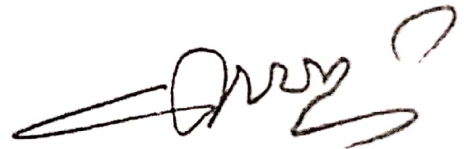
Member secretary brought to the notice of G.C that we have applied for the new courses on the recommendation of G.C. and got approval of above mentioned courses. The Member Secretary also informed the G.C that Board of Studies (BoS) and Academic Council is to be constituted where the university nominee is to be mandatorily invited as Member for the above mentioned courses. Vice-Chancellor, UTU suggested that admission process for new programmes may take place in the academic year 2021-22 only not in 2020-21.

Dr. B. S. Bisht, Chairman expressed sincere thanks to all the honourable members for their participation in the video conference Meeting of the Governing Council of G.B.P.I.E.C., Pauri. he also thanked the Members who were available for their suggestions and advise on-line. He appreciated the comments and suggestions made by the Members. The Chairman also desired that suggestions from some of the Members which could not be incorporated in the Agenda items in this Meeting may be included with proper detailing and justification in the next Meeting. The Chairman advised that in future, all Members need to be informed about the Meeting timely and Agenda must reach them on time.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairman and all the members.

MPS Chauhan

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



Prof. B. S. Bisht
(Chairman)