



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

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No. GBPIET/GC/Min.

Minutes of 12th Meeting of the Governing Council

The 12th Meeting of the Governing Council of G. B. Pant Institute of Engineering & Technology, Pauri was held on 30 December, 2020 through circulation, e-mail and video conferencing in view of COVID-19. The following participated.

1. Prof. (Dr.) B. S. Bisht, Former Vice-Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar Chairman
2. Smt. Radha Raturi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Technical Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun 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. Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh, IIT, Roorkee Member
6. Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand Member
7. Prof. (Dr.) M. P. Singh, Former Dean, College of Technology, Pantnagar Member
8. Shri Hari Singh, Director, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand Member
9. Prof. (Dr.) M. K. Panda, SPA, SPIU, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) Special Invitee
10. Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Gupta, Head, Mech. Engg., GBPIET Pauri Member
11. Dr. Yatindra Kumar, Assoc. Prof., Elect. Engg., GBPIET Pauri Member
12. Prof. (Dr.) M.P.S. Chauhan, Director, GBPIET Pauri Member Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Ahuja, Former Professor, I.I.T. Roorkee could not participate in the meeting.

12 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-Chairperson and all the Members. The Member Secretary regretted the inconvenience caused to the Members as the Meeting was being organized through circulation, e-mail, and video conferencing in view of limited movements and assembly due to COVID-19.

Prof. B. S. Bisht, Chairman, G.C. expressed warm welcome to the Vice-Chairperson and all the Honourable Members. The Chairman stated that the year 2020 has been exceptionally difficult in view of the Pandemic Covid-19. He wished that the new year 2021 will be normal and bring peace and progress for all. On the eve of New Year 2021, he expressed greetings to all the members of the Governing Council, staff and students of the Institute. He desired that all the milestones set by the institute is going to be achieved in this New Year 2021.

The Chairman observed that the Institute has developed excellent infrastructure for teaching and research through TEQIP. He expressed sincere thanks to the World Bank, MHRD, Government of India and the State Government for funding the Project and guidance. Now, there is a need of institute to work for betterment of quality of education, research and extension activities. The local people/ villages deserve first priority in getting technological solutions of their problems. These may include; better habitats for villages and their livestock, maximum use of solar energy, rain water harvesting, betterment of forest cover, stabilization of hilly slopes, technological interventions for better production and value addition of fruits, vegetables, medicinal plants, flowers, spices and condiments etc. Technological solutions are also needed to be evolved for improved transportation, healthcare, retail shops, establishment of processing units, start-ups in software technologies and so on.

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. Welfare of students must be considered on high priority in decision making. He also extended invitation to all the Members to visit the Institute at any time of their convenience and stay there for 2-3 days in order to have first-hand experience and interaction with faculty members, staff, students and nearby villages.

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

The Director and Member Secretary presented progress report of the Institute.

- The National Board of Accreditation - Self Assessment Report (NBA-SAR) for the Department of Electrical Engineering has been uploaded/submitted on Oct. 30, 2020.
- Renewal for the already accredited two programmes i.e. ECE and ME are under progress. Compliance report is likely to be submitted in Jan. 2021.
- Most of the seats in B. Tech, M. Tech. and MCA programmes have been filled.
- Two new courses in U.G. i.e. Computer Science & Engg. with Artificial Intelligence and Manufacturing Science Engg. have been started.
- One P.G. programme in Civil Engineering with specialization of Geo-technology has been also started during this current Academic Year.
- An International Conference on Technological Revolution in Electrical, Electronics & Communication Engg. 2021 (TREECOME 2021) has been planned on March 18-19, 2021.
- Institute has been registered for National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
- Foreign collaborative project (ASEAN-DST) with Thailand and Vietnam entitled "Surface and sub-surface water interaction for sustainable development under climate change" for an amount of Rs. 20.8 Lakh has been sanctioned under the leadership of Dr. Dilip Jha, Deptt. of Civil Engg. as Principal Investigator.

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

12GC.Min.03:Confirmation of Minutes of 11th Meeting of the G.C.

The Minutes of 11th 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.

12 GC.Min.04: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Recommendations of the 11th G.C. Meeting

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 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 M. Tech. and Ph.D. admissions done in past. (2) allow the Institute to take admissions in P.G. (M. Tech.) and Ph.D. programmes in view of Autonomy granted by AICTE. (3) allow starting of two new P.G. programmes as already approved by the AICTE,

These issues were also discussed in the 11th and 12th Meeting of the G.C. The following observations are received from the honourable members regarding the autonomy status and other issues.

1. The affiliating university (UTU) had issued No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the Institute while application was filed and forwarded to the AICTE for Autonomy status.
2. At present, GBPIET Pauri is only the only institute in Uttarakhand having the autonomy status granted by the AICTE. The UTU had supported the autonomy of the Institute as a Member in the Autonomy Inspection Committee of AICTE. The G.C. therefore is of the view that the UTU may finally allow Autonomy Status to the Institute.
3. Regarding regularization of the admissions in M. Tech. and Ph. D. programmes having objected by the UTU, the G.C. observes that the admissions were done while the Institute had Autonomy as per AICTE norms. At later stages, as soon as orders from UTU were received for stopping admissions, these were complied. These students admitted during the period had been supported for their Fellowships through TEQIP as per norms. Hence, the G.C. again submits to the Vice Chancellor, UTU to resolve this issue and may approve regularization of the admissions in the wider interest of the affected students.
4. Regarding, allowing the Institute to take admissions in new approved degree programmes, The G.C. had supported this matter earlier. It was resolved that the Institute may take up this matter with the Board of Governors.

12 GC.Min.05: New Agenda Items

12 GC.Min.05.01: Approval of Procurement Plan

On approval of the Governing Council, the items procured during last financial year included: high-end computing devices, MFP and Line Interactive UPS, Lab. Work Station, Video Conferencing System, Sanitizer Dispenser, MFM, Learning Resources (Optical System Software), Dual Desk, Lecture Hall items, Seminar Room items, Examination Hall Furniture, Online Teaching Aids, and Large Format Display.

The Member Secretary proposed that the following items may be approved subject to availability of funds. These include: Hi Cold Aluminium Rolling Mill, electrical Items, Multiple Power Supply, Device ATLAS Simulator, Digital Storage Oscilloscope, and Synopsys Sentaurus EDA Tools.

In compliance with the new procurement guidelines by NPIU, procurement is required to be done through GEM or NIC CPP e-procurement portal which is the Govt. monitored transparent system.

Hon'ble Member from Industry advised that the members of the Procurement Committee and Specifications Committee must be different. On this issue, it was informed that the Procurement Committee does not exist now as the procurement can be done only through Govt. e-Marketing (GEM) or CPP. Also, it was informed to the G.C. that the indenter has to submit the requirement through respective Heads of Department. Earlier the details were sent to External Specifications Committee for vetting. This has been decided in 11th G.C Meeting that the Central Purchase Committee (CPC) may be approached with the details of proposed items for vetting. The Council approved the Procurement Plan in principle subject to extension of the Project and availability of funds under the Budget Head.

12 GC.Min.05.02: Approval for various Academic Activities

It was informed to the G.C. that the Institute organized Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) and Students Internship Programmes (SIP) during COVID-19 period. To conduct the sessions, well known experts of national and international repute were invited.

Besides above, an International Conference on Technological Revolution in Electrical, Electronics & Communication Engineering - 2021 (TREECOME- 2021) has been scheduled to be organized in on Mar.18-19, 2021. Dr. N. S. Chaudhari, Hon'ble V.C., UTU cautioned that any programme at this stage must ensure availability of funds. Shri Pankaj Gupta, Honorable Member offered all possible help from Industry. The G.C. appreciated the offer from the Industry and wished that the Institute within the TEQIP provisions may partner with the Industry to organize the Conference and other activities. However, availability of funds for undertaking any activity must be examined and ensured.

12 GC.Min.05.03: Proposal for enhancing superannuation age of teaching Faculty to 65 years

On a proposal from the Institute seeking approval of the G.C. for enhancing the age of superannuation of teaching faculty from 60 to 65 years, the following points emerged.

Enhancing the age of superannuation of the faculty is an administrative matter and involves policy decision. The Member Secretary informed to the G.C. that the age of superannuation of the faculty has already been enhanced to 65 years in all degree colleges of the State as well as Pantnagar University. The House felt that the G.C. may have no jurisdiction on this. However, as the issue has been raised in G.C. that the age of superannuation affects the performance of the Institute in TEQIP, hence, the G.C. is of the view that the Institute may like to take up the matter at the level of Board of Governors and subsequently, with the State Government.

12 GC.Min.06: Any other item with Permission of the Chairman

It was once again suggested by Hon'ble Member from Industry that the Institute must make efforts to strengthen linkages with the Industry. He also suggested to strengthen the Entrepreneurship Development Cell and liaise with Industry for R&D as well transfer of technology. Priority must also be given to solve local problems through technological interventions.

12 GC.Min.07: Concluding Remarks and 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:

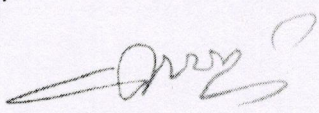
- (1) Technology based start-ups through development of skills of young men and women from nearby rural areas.
- (2) Harnessing solar energy for lighting, heating of water, generation of electricity and processing of local fruits and vegetables.
- (3) Design of small workshops, retail shops, habitats (including for livestock) suiting the local ecological and climatic conditions.
- (4) Stabilization of slopes in hilly areas.
- (5) Formulation of research projects for solving problems of the farmers, entrepreneurs and others in the district and the state.

The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to the Hon'ble Members of the G.C. in terms of their comments, 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 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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Ms. Radha Raturi, IAS
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