GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE BARTONHILL

23rd Meeting of Board of Governors
Date &Time : 21st January 2021, 10AM
Google Meet Online Mode
Minutes

Members Present

1. Prof.R. Krishnakumar, IIT Madras, Chennai (Chairman)
2. Prof.K.KurienIssac, Professor, Aerospace Engineering, IIST, Thiruvananthapuram
3. Dr.Vrinda V Nair, Director SPFU
4. Mr.Ajayan, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department
5. Dr.Bijulal D, Professor, Govt.Engineering College Barton Hill
6. Dr.Vijayakumar N, Principal, Govt.Engineering College Barton Hill

Special Invitees

1. Dr.R.Wilbert, TEQIP Coordinator
2. Prof.Kiran C.J, Nodal officer Civil works
3. Dr.Shamna H R, HoD, Information Technology Department
4. Prof.Rishidas, HoD,Electronics and Communication Engineering
5. Prof.Anish John ,TEQIP, EAP Nodal Officer
6. Dr.Elizabeth Cherian, HoD Electrical and Electronics Engineering

The meeting started at 10AM with the welcome address of the principal, Dr.N Vijayakumar. Principal called upon the chairman to address the gathering before starting discussion on the agenda items. o Hon'ble Chairman welcomed the members and called for the effective participation of all the members with suggestions and comments over the agenda items being discussed. Subsequently Dr.Vijayakumar N, Principal was asked to present the updates on the college level activities since the last BoG meeting. Principal made a brief presentation on the academic and cultural activities the institution had conducted under the banner of various organisations. Principal emphasized the Covid related activities to which faculty, staff and students took part under the local administrative wing of the Government. BoG appreciated the innovative trends shown by the students in developing the robot for shifting the files between sections in office work and asked the principal to convey their best wishes to the

students.After the introductory discussion, the agenda items were taken and the decisions made are listed as below.

BG 23.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 22nd meeting of BoG held on 28th February 2020.

The Board of Governors confirmed the minutes after the chairman's declaration that no comments were received on the minutes circulated.

BG 23.2 Action taken reporting

Action taken based on the 22nd BoG was presented by Dr.R.Wilbert, TEQIP Co-ordinator. BoG observed that it was compliant.

BG.23.3.TEQIP activities and expenditure Status under Four Fund utilisation reporting -Approval.

BoG examined the activities and observed that the fund utilisation was very low. SPFU director informed that proposals for getting sanction has been submitted before the Government to allocate some portion from the COPUS fund for the purchase of laptops for distributing among the eligible students. Principal informed that steps are under progress to fully utilise the 29Lakhs available under Equipment Replace Fund. After reviewing the various suggestions aroused, BoG asked the principal to initiate appropriate actions through the academic council meetings of the college. BoG observed that all the activities carried out were for the benefits of the institution and ratified the approvals that had been given earlier.

BG.23.4Guidelines for conducting Conference/Seminar/Workshops -Approval Regarding

BoG reviewed the expenditure characterisation stipulated in the Government Order G.O (Rt) No.1606/2020/H.Edn, Thiruvananthapuram Dated 23/12/2020) and observed that the terms and conditions mentioned in the order is permissible for conducting workshops and conferences under Four Fund Utilisation. BoG also asked to allocate amounts under various head very prudently with out getting exceeded beyond the ceiling amount .

BG.23.5 Space constraint for academic activities- Opinion sought from BoG

BoG observed that it is very essential that the institution be provided with some additional space for an area of around 600sq.m on temporary basis.BoG asked the principal to approach the Government through the proper channel.

BG.23.6. Low rank entry of students in the first year academics-suggestions sought from BoG to maintain good pass percentage in university examinations

BoG observed that initiatives related to remedial class and other measures to enhance the academic output of the students do not come under the purview of BoG since it is merely an academic decision. BoG asked the principal to take appropriate actions in academic council meetings of the institution.

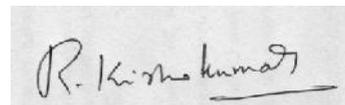**BG.23.7 Self-assessment report of performance of BoG – Approval regarding**

The self assessment report was examined and approved

BG.23.8 Any Other item with the permission of Chairman

There were no more items to be discussed and the chairman reiterated the need for giving top priority on the measures to be taken for effective fund utilisation. Chairman asked to conduct necessary discussions at college level meetings so that the fund will be utilised properly. Chairman asked the HoDs to make presentations on various activities conducted and planned at department levels for realising the objectives of TEQIP at the next coming BoG.Dr.R.Wilbert, TEQIP Co-ordinator placed on record his heartfelt gratitude to the chairman and all Board members for having creative discussion by the members which enriched the proceedings of the meeting. The meeting concluded after completing all agenda points at 11AM.

Dr.N.Vijayakumar   Prof.Krishnakumar

(Principal, GECBH)   (Chairman, BoG)