

GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE IDUKKI

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(SELECTED UNDER SUB-COMPONENT 1.1 OF TEQIP PHASE – II)

Date: 05-10-2015 Venue: Govt. Engg. College, Idukki Time: 09.30 hours

Members Present

1. Prof. A. Veeraragavan, IIT Madras, Chennai, - Chairman
2. Prof. Abraham T Mathew, NIT Calicut, - Government Nominee
3. Dr. K P P Pillai, - AICTE Representative
4. Mr. M. Sherif, Additional Secretary, Higher Education
5. Prof. V. Santhakumari, Joint Director, Technical Education
6. Prof. V Gopakumar, Director, SPFU
7. Dr. Ashalatha Thampuran, Mentor
8. Dr. P. C. Reghu Raj, Principal
9. Prof. Jalaja M. J., Faculty Representative
10. Dr. Sumesh Divakaran, Faculty Representative

Prof. A. Veeraragavan, Chairman, Board of Governors presided over the meeting. The Chairman welcomed the members to the 12th BoG and invited the Principal to present the agenda items for discussions and approval.

Minutes

Part A

Procedural

Item No.A1: Confirmation of minutes of 11th Meeting of BoG held on 27-04-2015.

Minutes of the 11th BoG meeting held on 27-04-2015 were read and confirmed.

Item No.A2: Report on the action taken/action pending on the pertinent decisions in the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 27-04-2015 at GEC Idukki.

The Principal reported the action taken on pertinent decisions in the minutes of 11th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 27-04-2015. The BoG approved the report.

Part B

Discussion, consideration and Ratification

Item No.B1: Consideration of Collaborative project work with IISc Bangalore, Mathworks India Pvt. Ltd., University of York, IIIT Bangalore and GEC Idukki

Dr. Sumesh Divakaran, presented a proposal for collaborative research with participating institutions as IISc Bangalore, Mathworks India Pvt. Ltd, University of York, IIIT Bangalore and GEC Idukki The BoG discussed the proposal given in Appendix B1 in detail and approved a lump sum allocation for Rs.10 .6 lakhs for the activities of the project.

Item No. B2: Consideration of reimbursement of expenses to Prof. Jalaja M J towards publication in journal

The BoG discussed the proposal for reimbursement of Rs.65,834/- to Prof. Jalaja M J, Department of ECE for expense incurred for publication of paper, 'Delay and Lifetime Performance of Underwater Wireless Sensor Networks with Mobile Element Based Data Collection' in the International Journal of Distributed Sensor Networks. The BOG noted that the affiliation of the faculty member to GEC Idukki/support from TEQIP sponsorship is not acknowledged in the publication. The Chairman suggested to refer the proposal to NPIU, for consideration.

Item No. B3: Ratification of Value added course conducted

BOG ratified the value added course conducted on the topic Computer Graphics & Visualization by Dr. Dilip Mathew Thomas as per the details given in **Appendix B3**. The Head of account shall be changed from R&D to IIIC.

Item No. B4: Ratification of various In house Training Programs for the Faculty, Technical Staff and Administrative Staff (under FSD) after the 11 th BoG Meeting

The BoG ratified the in house training programs conducted as per the **Appendix B4** and also directed to increase the number of in-house training programmes.

Item No. B5: Ratification of various in-house Training Programs for the students (under IIC)

The BoG ratified the in-house Training Programs for the Students as per the **Appendix B5**. Actual expenditure incurred for the completed programs should be furnished within one month after the conduct of the course and the details to be informed in the next BoG.

Item No. B6: Ratification of short term courses attended by the faculty

The BoG ratified the short term courses attended by the faculty given in **Appendix B6**.

Item No. B7: Ratification of Screening committee for the evaluation of the proposals for International Travel

The BoG ratified the constitution of the screening committee given in **Appendix B7** for the evaluation of proposals under ITSS. Faculty members from different departments of NIT, Calicut are proposed as the members of the screening committee. The members are Dr. Sameer SM (Dept. of ECE), Dr. Rijil Ramchand (Dept. of EEE), Dr. Muralikrishnan K (Dept. of CSE) and Dr. U B Jayadeep (Dept. of ME).

Item No. B8: Consideration of presentation of research paper under ITSS

The request by Dr. Sumesh Divakaran for his travel to France to present his research paper at International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods (ICFEM 2015) under International Travel Support Scheme was considered. It was decided that the

proposal after approval by the screening committee be sent to the Chairman, BOG for consideration and approval.

Item No. B9: Consideration of various programs planned for faculty, technical staff, administrative staff and students

The BoG approved the item in **Appendix B9**. BOG advised the college to avail the services of Mr. Rajashekarana to train the administrative staff.

Item No. B10: Consideration and ratification of permitting bus maintenance expense in connection with remedial classes:

The BoG ratified the item given in **Appendix B10**. The bus maintenance charges are towards fuel charges/operational expenditure for the transport of the students who attended the remedial classes and may be met under the head IOC.

Item No. B11: Consideration of fiscal incentive to students

As per the new PIP of TEQIP phase II, “expenses on travel, boarding and lodging of students that associate with an Industry for about 3-4 weeks during vacations to continue work on R&D projects” is permissible under Research & Development. BOG approved the norms as given below

Project should not be part of thesis work unless otherwise approved by the committee of TEQIP nodal officers

Travel expense – Bus fare/ II class sleeper train fare

Boarding/lodging – Rs. 250/day (limited to 10 days for B Tech/ 20 days for M Tech)

Item No. B12: Expenses towards industry training/internship

PIP permits expenses towards industry training/internship. Travel expenses, boarding, lodging and sundry expenses/ allowances of students attending internship/training in industry are permissible.

BOG approved the norms as given below

Travel expense – Bus fare/ II class sleeper train fare

Boarding/lodging – Rs. 250/day (limited to 10 days/ student)

Item No. B13:Purchase of consumables and other minor items for the TEQIP Phase II

BoG ratified the Purchase of consumables and other minor items for the TEQIP Phase II as given in **Appendix B13**.

Part C
Reports

Item No. C1: The status of fund position as on 30.09.2015

Principal explained the status of fund position as on 31-09-2015, and also presented the category-wise expenditure as presented in Report C1.

Item No. C2: The status of faculty position as on 31-09-2015

Principal presented the status of faculty position as on 31-09-2015.
Mr. Sheriff proposed to do the needful to fill the vacancies, at the Government level. BOG suggested that the minimum retention of faculty posted to Idukki Engineering College has to be two years.

Item No. C3: Transfer and posting after 11th BoG meeting

Principal reported the transfer and postings after the 11th BoG.

Item No. C4. Report on MoU with ICT Academy

Principal reported the signing of MoU with ICT academy. The BoG approved the same.

Item No. C5. Report on the National Conference GECIAN 2015

Principal presented the report on National Conference GECIAN2015. The audited statement of expenditure for the GECIAN 2015 conference should be presented during next BOG meeting.

Item No. C6. Status of the Construction Projects as on 30-09-2015

Principal reported the Status of construction projects. The BoG sought the Master Plan to be circulated among the members.

Item No. C7. Report on procurement status

Principal presented the procurement status. The utilization of major equipment procured under TEQIP is to be presented during next BoG meeting.

Item No. C8. Accreditation status of the UG programs

Principal expressed concern about the absence of senior faculty and frequent transfer of available faculty affecting the preparation of SAR. It is decided to prepare eSAR in the new format. He requested the Chairman to address the Government seeking a solution to the faculty shortage problem in view of the accreditation requirements.

Item No. C9. Result Analysis

Principal presented the result analysis. Results of the students which are not announced as on date is to be presented in the next BOG.

Item No. C10. Report on Remedial Classes

Principal presented report on the remedial classes. The BoG appreciated the effort made by the Faculty in conducting the remedial classes effectively.

Item No. C11. Major Challenges Faced

Shortage of senior faculty, technical, library, hostel and administrative staff is identified as the major challenge.

Other items with the permission of the Chair

BoG made the following decisions and recommendations on other items presented.

1. It is decided to appoint Prof. Varghese Paul, CUSAT as Senior Research Advisor
2. Employability assessment through NASSCOM and Aspiring Minds to be taken up.

List of Actions to be taken:

1. Detailed Project Report/ Master Plan for converting GEC, Idukki to a residential campus to be presented to the next BOG
2. Plan of action for spending the balance of TEQIP funds to be presented before the next BoG meeting.
3. GEC may consider visiting faculty under each of the PG programs for the various courses to enhance the quality of teaching.
4. Industry experts are to be invited for each of the PG programs, so that the students are well informed about the needs of the industry.