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Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University Venue: Hon. Vice-Chancellor's Chamber

The 19th Meeting of the Executive Council was held on May 11 (Saturday), 2019 at 11.00AM in the chamber of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, DBATU, Lonere. Following members attended the meeting.

The following members could not attend the meeting and leave of absence was granted to them.

| 1. | Director of Technical Education, Maharashtra | Member |
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| 2. | Dr. G.D. Yadav | Member |
| 3. | Shri Milind Kamble | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Anand Kusre | Member |
| 5. | Dr. J. B. Dafedar | Member |

Dr. S. B. Deosarkar, the I/C Registrar, welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. He requested Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to start the meeting.

Item No.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Executive Council held on February 16, 2019

Draft minutes of the 18th meeting of Executive Council held on February 16, 2019, were sent to the members of the Council for their comments via e-mail. However, no comments were received from any of the members. The minutes were tabled for the approval of the EC.

"Resolved that the minutes of the 18th Meeting of Executive Council held on February 16, 2019 be and are confirmed."

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Executive Council held on February 16, 2018

The copy of the Action Taken Report was tabled before the Executive Council. The Registrar briefed the Council about the ATR item-wise. The members noted the same.

"Resolved that the Action Taken Report be and is confirmed."

Item No. 3: To approve the Budget for F.Y. 2019-20

"Resolved to approve the Budget for FY 2019-20 document with minor corrections". The copy with minor corrections is attached herewith.

Item No. 4: Any other point with the permission of the Chair

a. The EC recorded the appreciation to Padmashri Dr. Milind Kamble on his appointment as Chairman: Board of Governors of IIT-Guwahati.

b. GeM Procurement

The Finance Committee report regarding the GeM procurement was tabled during the meeting. The EC approved the procurement through GeM portal done by the Departments as a onetime case, and permitted the payment clearance towards the procurement of items from - IT, Sports and English Departments. However, as there are procedural lapses involved, the EC resolved that explanation be called from the Individuals responsible for these purchases, explaining why the procedures are bypassed.

c. Review of Building and Construction Activities at University Campus

The EC reviewed the progress of the Construction and Maintenance works being carried out in the University campus, expressed dissatisfaction and viewed seriously the very slow progress of the existing construction activities and maintenance works.

"The Registrar was instructed to issue a letter to University Engineer on behalf of the EC, seeking explanation for the very slow progress of the Maintenance and Ladies Hostel construction works, especially the roofing work — which is totally in disarray and going to cause huge damage to all the structures in the University in the coming monsoon season".

The EC advised to grant the extension of the work without any fanancial burden to the University and losses (if any) incurred due to delay in should be passed on to the concerned agency.

d. Training Center of Architecture Council of India

"The EC approved the establishment of the Regional Training Center of Architecture Council of India at DBATU Campus" and asked to pursue the matter.

e. Establishment of AICTE Western Zone Center

"Resolved to pursue the matter with Chairman of AICTE to establish the Western Regional Center at DBATU campus".

f. TABLE AGENDA

1. Ratification: Carry-on System for II and III year B. Tech. Students of University Departments (as a one-time special case):

"EC Approved the proposal put up by the Dean (E&T)" - Detailed report is annexed in "A".

2. New Initiatives (in Pipeline)

1. Examination System Improvisation:

New system for smooth conduct of University examinations and the subsequent evaluation system through improvised mechanism, by the generation of clusters to handle examination system regionally, was explained to the EC.

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3. Central Research Facility:

EC was explained about the new initiatives of establishing Central Research Facility with a special budget, and strengthening the Center with softwares, high end equipments, to be used by PG and Research students from all Departments, and Affiliated Institutions, with an aim to develop the multi-disciplinary learning approach under one roof. A special provision is made for this activity in the budget, to support the research activities at the University level which can be further made available for the use by the Affiliating Institutions.

4. Master's Degree Programs:

In order to fulfill the objectives of enhanced research and extension services, the thrust will be on strengthening, it is proposed that each department shall suggest at least one Course at PG level (preferably Inter-disciplinary).

5. Ph.D. Level Initiatives:

To promote the research activities at the University campus, it is proposed to award 30 full time scholarships/year, with a reasonable stipend per month with University funding. Further, it is decided to float the advertisement for the same in the ensuing academic year i.e. July-2019 (for the AY 2019-2020).

6. Upgradation of Laboratories:

The new initiative of developing State of the Art laboratories with imported technologies for enhancing the learning process of students with innovation was explained. It was brought to the notice of the EC that a Special Committee is constituted with Prof. L. N. Singh (Chairman), Dr. M. Sadhaiah (Member) and Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar (Member) for identifying such Technologies/Equipment/Software. It was informed to the EC that within the AY 2019-20, the Physics Department would be equipped with such equipment, which can make about 30 students perform the same equipment with different operating parameters simultaneously. Prof. L.N. Singh explained the visit made by Committee to observe the facilities available with EDIBON, Spain at Mumbai Office and presented the factual report of the said visit.

7. Students Activities:

It was informed to the EC about initiatives taken up to enhance the Students' Activities (Extra and Co-Curricular), and the proposal to promote the student activities at Intra-University and Inter-University level involving the Affiliated Institutions, other programs like Skill development, Industry Interaction, Summer/Winter Internship & Placement activities, and initiation of various Studens' Clubs – like Literary club, Music club, Dramatics club, Dance club, Star Gazing club, etc. from AY 2019 – 20.

8. Foreign Students:

The proposal for the introduction of necessary policy for induction of foreign students was brought to the notice of the EC, after having necessary approvals from MHRD - GOI.

9. Auditorium:

The proposal for complete refurbishment of the two auditoriums along with two seminar halls at University and IoPE respectively was explained. The EC was informed about the process of step wise refurbishment work to be carried out - such as minor civil works, electrical works, acoustics, fixtures and furniture, separately.

10. Conference Halls:

The proposal to establish 4 new Conference Halls with all necessary facilities in the University was brought to the notice of the EC.

11. Incubation Centre:

The state of the art Incubation Centre as per the requirements will be constructed.

12. Training and Placement:

Proposal to rename the existing "Training and Placement Office" as "Carrier Development Center", was approved by the EC. This Centre will cater to the needs of students not only for placements, but also for organizing need based training courses for the University students.

13. Face Lift to University Building:

Proposal for the Cleaning, Colouring, and Maintenance of University building by hiring services from the authorized agencies was brought to the notice of EC. Special provision is made in Budget for the same.

14. Workshop Unit, Guest House Annexe, Staff Recreation Center, Shopping Complex, Entrance Arch, Play Field, Professors' Quarters-05 (3 Bed Room quarters of about 2000 sq. ft), Fire Safety Units: Proposal for initiating these projects was explained to the EC with the procedure of inviting EoI from the reputed Consultants/Companies for the afore mentioned works.

EC asked the VC, whether it is possible to accomplish all these new projects with the existing Estate Department organization, for which VC informed that he will have a new system in place with the bifurcation of works into Civil and Electrical headed by competent persons other than University Engineer.

New Health Care Center: It is brought to the notice of the EC about new initiative of establishing "Health Care Centre" with an initial budget of Rs. 5 Lakhs, with the facility of inviting expert doctors from outside on prescribed dates and dispensing of medicines to the students, faculty and staff.

15. New Vehicles:

The proposal to procure new vehicles, preferably one Bus, One Van and a Car for the University, for various purposes like taking students to industrial visits, commuting the students from hostels during rainy season, helping the organizing of Seminars / Conferences etc. was approved by the EC.

It was suggested by the EC to initiate the auction process for the old University vehicles.

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16. Industry Participation:

New initiatives proposed for involving reputed organizations like IBM, WIPRO, TELCO, Oracle, TCS, Texas Instruments and others for starting sponsored research, design of course works and preparation of academic modules of the University was explained.

17. Write-off of Unusable/Outdated items, Machinery, Instruments, Computers / Laptops etc:

The recommendations of the Committee consisting of all HoDs, FO, UE, SVO, Workshop Superintendent constituted earlier to initiate the write-off process, vide Circular No. DBATU/Store-Acc/Write-off/2018-19 dated 13-02-2019, were approved (Annexure-C).

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.