

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University

Venue: VC Chamber

Mode Offline/Online

12.30 p.m.

The 29th meeting of the Executive Council was held on Thursday, 24th March, 2022 at 12.30 p. m. in the Cabin of the Vice-Chancellor. The following Hon. EC members were present for this meeting.

1. Professor Dr. Karbhari V. Kale	Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Professor Nagesh Aloorkar		Member
3. Professor S.L. Nalbalwar		Member
4. Professor Sanjay A. Khot		Member
5. Professor V.K. Redasani		Member
6. Professor Nilesh Patil		Member
7. Professor Dinkar Ghewade		Member
8. Professor Pramod Ingale		Member
9. Professor Ulhas B. Shinde		Member
10. Professor Rahul Barjibhe		Member
11. Professor Abhijit Wadekar		Member
12. Professor Kishor Ottari		Member
13. Professor Narendra Kanhe	Online	Member
14. Mrs. M.D. Laddha		Member
15. Dr. Vivek Vadke		Member
16. Mr. Shriniwas Bendkhale		Member
17. Mr. Rajesh M. Pednekar	Online	Member
18. Dr. B.F. Jogi, Registrar		Secretary
19. Dr.S.V.Khobragade I/C Finance Officer		Special Invitee

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

1. Director of Technical Education, Maharashtra	Member
2. Professor Shekhar Jagade	Member
3. Professor Hitendra Patil	Member
4. Mr. S.N. Iyer	Member
5. Mr. Sunil R. Udupa	Member

The Registrar welcomed all the members of the Executive Council for the 29th Meeting. He informed the Council that on January 3, Dr. Kale has joined as the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University and this is the First meeting under the Chairmanship of him. He requested Dr. Vadke to present a bouquet. Dr. Vadke welcomed Hon. Vice-Chancellor and offered a bouquet. Hon. Vice-Chancellor accepted the same with sincere thanks. He also welcomed every Executive Council Member by offering a bouquet. He

also appealed to all the members that we will work all together for the development of the University and society. Unstinted support from all the members is requested to this noble cause. All the members agreed upon.

Then Registrar seeks permission from the Chair to start the business as per agenda items. After permission, he informed all the members that as per 2014 act, the 29th Executive Council meeting has been scheduled for the approval of the Annual Budget of the University for year 2022-23. He requested I/c. Finance Officer to present the budget before the Executive Council members.

Item no. 1 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ESTIMATE (BUDGET) OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Khobragade, I/c Finance Officer presented the budget before the Council for the year 2022-23. All the Council members listened to that budget very carefully. While he was reading one of the esteemed Government Nominee member Shri. Rajesh Pednekar asked permission to Hon. Vice-Chancellor to raise his some points. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed him that he may raise his points after listening full budget as presented by the I/c. Finance Officer.

After listening the budget Finance officer declared that the topic of budget is opened for discussion and approval of the members. Dr. Wadke, nominee of the Hon'ble Governor asked what is the exact amount provided to all the departments for its development. Finance officer informed him that total 3.74 crores is capital expenditure and 92 lakhs is revenue expenditure. It was discussed in greater detail by all the council members. All the members were of the opinion that the amount provided to departments in comparison to other expenses is too low. But at the same time, they agreed for the same and informed the Finance Officer to keep more provision in the future years. The council also discussed on the deficit budget. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the council that though there is deficit of @ 16 crores, the University has started various new avenues from this year. The University had given thrust on Research and Innovation and the University is expecting good research and innovation. The deficit of @16 crores is expected to be covered from Research and Consultancy, affiliation fees, Interaction with R & D industries projects, Major Research Project and student fees.

Dr. Rahul Barjibhe pointed out that the provision under the Head P.5.25 Quality Improvement for affiliated colleges was 50 lakhs for the last year and for this year it has been kept as 25 lakhs. The provision should be in the increased ratio. This provision be increased to 1 crore. Over this suggestion, a detailed discussion took place. Dr. Wadke opined that this is right suggestion since Covid-19, there is not any development and all the process has got hampered. This is the right suggestion and the provision be kept

1 crore. Shri. Bendkhale also agreed to this suggestion and also added that the expenditure is expected to be made as per the budget provision. Shri. Rajesh Pednekar also participated in this discussion. He welcomed Hon. Vice-Chancellor and informed the council that optimization is expected. He suggested that Revenue expenditure be curbed as far as possible and asset creation be increased.

Taking over all discussion to conclude “Resolved that the provision of Rs. 1 core be approved instead of 25 lakhs as proposed under the head 5.25.”

Going ahead Shri. Rajesh Pednekar also pointed out that under the head P7.17 a provision of Rs. 60 lakhs has been made for procurement of vehicles. He expressed that it will be a liability for the university since it is going to increase the other expenses like driver, maintenance, fuel etc. Instead of that we should hire a vehicle on kilometer basis. Shri. Bendkhale expressed that this place is very remote and mobility of the University authorities is a mandatory. It is better to procure the vehicle. The Vice- Chancellor also supported to his statement. After the deliberations, it was decided to keep the provision as mentioned in the budget. All the members agreed for the same.

The point of starting the Regional Centers was also discussed. The Vice- Chancellor informed the council that University will start all the regional centers as per the provisions in the Act. Aurangabad and Nagpur centres will be kept operational and functional. Though there is shortage of manpower, University will try to recruit the new positions with help of Government sanction. Till these posts get approved and sanctioned, to run the show some alternative arrangement will have to make. To carry this point, Dr. Barjibhe suggested that University can take OSD on deputation from the affiliated institutes. Shri. Bendkhale supported to this statement adding the statement that the person should be fit to that post from all eligibility conditions. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor remarked that if needed it will be placed in the next council meeting as separate agenda point.

Shri. Bendkhale also pointed out that the University should always demand for non-recurring capital expenditure. Government will definitely release this expenditure fully or partially as per their provisions. The University move the Government for sanctioning these expenditure for various schemes. Also he pointed out that all this procedure must be complete before the approval of Government Budget. From next year, the university should plan all this in advance.

While discussing on sports budget, Shri. Bendkhale suggested to give the boost to sports activity. Intra University sports and Inter University Sports will always boost team spirit, sportsmanship and good interaction between students, faculty, institutes and various universities. He is ready to

contribute his efforts in establishment of Spots Complex and Cyber Security with various institutional support. He also appealed to all the Council members to come ahead and share some responsibility for the betterment and up liftment of the University. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed his proposal.

While going ahead through budget discussion, Dr. Wadke suggested that as a policy, the University authorities should try to bridge the gap between salary, administrative expenditure and Department Development ratio. The department development budget ratio is too low. All the members agreed for the same.

It was also discussed that the Perspective Plan of the University be prepared in phase wise manner to cover the short term, middle term and long term goals. While preparing this plan, National Education Policy 2020 be taken in to consideration. This plan proposal be brought through Planning and Evaluation Board meeting.

Looking in to the budget figures, Shri. Bendkhale pointed out that the interest and TDR should reflect in the budget. The Finance Officer informed him that University will take care and will plan accordingly in future.

One of the council member Dr. Khot informed that he is a credentialed empanelled Energy auditor. The Mahaurja had a scheme of demonstration project for Government buildings. Under this scheme they provide financial assistance upto 25 lakhs, if energy audit is done and such report is submitted by the empaneled auditor. During year 19-20, he had made a energy audit of the University Building and submitted to Mahaurja Government agency. He informed the council that under this scheme the University will receive 25 lakhs in next month.

All the Executive Council members appreciated his work. Shri. Bendkhalerequested Hon'ble. Vice-Chancellor to give lead to Dr. Khot for Zero Energy Bill project. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and all the Council appreciated for his work and authorise him to take the lead of this project.

Shri. Bendkhale pointed out that the hospitality budget for the registrar office is 20 lakhs. The 50% budget amount be split to Hospitality for regional centres. All the members agreed.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the council that various applications, requests, suggestions have been received about the charging of educational fee from the University. Even this point was brought out in the meeting with Hon'ble Minister in the last month. Same is the case for daily wages and contract employees. The University should take a call on this. Detailed deliberations took place. Various issues and points were raised by various

members. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor suggested to constitute a committee to resolve all these issues under the Chairmanship of Shri. Bendkhale.

Shri. Shrinivas Bendkhale Chairman	Dr. Rahul Barjibhe	Member
Dr. Abhijit Wadekar		Member
Finance Officer, Ex-officio	Member	Affiliation Section In charge
Establishment In charge		Member

The committee is requested to study all these issues from all the angles. The proposed income and expenditure, budget effects, Guidelines from Government of Maharashtra, AICTE, Fee Regulation Authority etc. be studied. This committee should also look into minimum wage. The committee is requested to study the overall financial perspective of contract and adhoc staff members. The report be submitted in the ensuing Executive Council meeting to take final decision.

The Registrar and the concerned sections are requested to provide all the necessary data to this committee.

Repairs and maintenance budget also needs some increase since all the buildings, hostels, guest house, quarters in the campus are old and need to be renovated. The council agreed to this suggestion. The provision will be enhanced in the next financial budget.

While discussing on Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and English department budget, Shri. Pednekar suggested to call these departments as Engineering Physics, Engineering mathematics etc. Dr. Vadke informed the council that all these departments are called as Science and Humanities. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the council that this matter was already discussed in the Academic Council and will be taken care of in the next future. The members appreciated all this and noted the same. A detailed discussion on the budget was made by all the members.

“Resolved that the proposed budget for year 2022-23 is approved.” Copy of the budget is enclosed herewith as annexure-1.

Dr. Shinde appreciated the efforts taken by Dr. Khobragade as I/C. Finance Officer to present the budget. All the members appreciated this. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor gave sincere thanks to every member for their participation and contribution in this budget meeting.

2. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

2.1 SUBMISSION OF AQAR FOR YEAR 19-20 AND 20-21

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the First Cycle of NAAC (2015-2020) has come to an end. Due to Covid-19, the University could not go for the second cycle. Now it is the time to take a call. The Academic Council of the University has already approved and recommended these AQARs and therefore, this point has been brought before the council. He requested Dr. Tandale to brief the council.

Dr. Tandale briefed the council about the AQAR for 19-20 and 20-21. The council appreciated the work done by the University and directed the University to go ahead and submit as per their requirement.

“Resolved that the AQAR for year 19-20 and 20-21 be and are approved for further processing of NAAC”.

2.1 CONSTRUCTION OF SC/ST HOSTEL

The Registrar informed the council that he has received a letter regarding administrative approval for the Construction of girls hostel for SC/ST students in the University. Copy of the letter is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II

The University had received a sanction of 2 crores from AICTE in year 2014 for the construction of SC/ST hostel. Due to some administrative constraints the amount could not be utilised. Now The Government of Maharashtra has requested the University to complete this work by using additional funds of 8.6 crores from the University. Therefore, it is before the council for its decision.

The council discussed this in greater detail. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor remarked that this amount is specially sanctioned for SC/ST hostel and it will be a good thing to utilise this fund for the sc/st students. Looking into the financial position, an amount of Rs. 8.60 crores to be spent in the next financial year as new burden is quite difficult. Shri. Bendkhale suggested that if the University can not complete the work in single phase, this work be split in two phases so that the grants received from AICTE could be utilised.

The council agreed to this proposal. **“Resolved that the call from Government to construct the SC/ST hostel be approved in phase wise manner and spent amount may claim from Government in due course of time.”**

2.1 EXTENSION TO CANTEEN CONTRACT

The Registrar informed the council that the period of canteen contract is over and off lineclasses has started. It is also necessary to provide canteen facility to the students. The contract has been made before 5 years and now the contractor is not ready to start the canteen in its previous rates. The local canteen committee has proposed to start the canteen by giving 20% rise for three months and within these three months a new tender could be processed and University can appoint a new canteen contractor. Therefore, permission to start the canteen with 20% hike in present rates for three months be approved.

“Resolved that the proposal received from the canteen committee be approved.”

2.1 INTEGRATED UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Dr. Ulhas Shinde brought this subject before the Council. Dr.Nalbalwar informed the council that Registration/enrolment process of 1st and IIIrd semester of all UG and PG programmes was allotted to the IUMS vendor appointed by MahaIT, GoM. Unfortunately during registration/enrlment process, many more problems were noted. Various issues were raised right from registration to examination form filling and mark list etc. Many more complaints were received from the affiliated institution and students. The work of the University got hampered. To resolve these issues, the University approached Government of Maharashtra and the concerned vendor. Government directed the University to take appropriate decision at University level.

To resolve these issues in the interest of students, and to avoid critical situation it is proposed to go with an existing similar types of servie provider, i.e. M/s. Weshine Ltd. For this term only. With in the period the process of calling new tender will be done. The Academic Council had already recommended this proposal. It is for the consideration of the Executive.

The Council, after detailed deliberations **“Resolved that M/s. Weshine Ltd be given the work for this term only. Meanwhile new process be initiated.”**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled on 21st and 22nd April 2022 to discuss and decide all the issues.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair