

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
NO. EC/41/2024**

**11th Mar, 2024
17th March, 2024**

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University

Venue: VC Office

Mode Offline/Online

11.30 AM.

The 41st meeting of the Executive Council was held on Thursday, 11th March, 2024 which has been deferred to Sunday, 17th March, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. because of sufficient quorum. The following members attended the meeting in the office of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

1. Professor Karbhari V. Kale, Vice-chancellor, Chairman
2. Dr. Vinitkumar J Dongre, Member
3. Shri. Praveen V. Sardeshmukh, Member
4. Dr. Raghunath S. Holambe, Member
5. Shri. Ashok M. Shelhalkar, Member
6. Shri. Yogesh Bompilvar, Member
7. Prof. Dr. S M Pore, Member
8. Prof. Dr. A W Kiwelekar, Member
9. Prof Dr. S M Jadhav, Member
10. Prof. Dr. S B Deosarkar, Member
11. Prof. Dr. Sangita Metakr, Member
12. Prof. A W Kiwelekar, Registrar, Secretary
13. Prof. S L Nalbalwar, Permanent Invitee
14. Mr. Omkar Ambpkar, Finance Officer, Special Invitee
15. Mr. H S Joshi, Special Invitee
16. Mr. Narendra S Jadhav Special Invitee

Following members could not attend the meeting, and a leave of absence was granted to them.

1. Dr. V. M. Mohitkar, Member

Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar, Registrar, welcomed all the members of the Executive Council. The proceedings of the meeting started with the permission of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor felicitated Dr. Vinitkumar J Dongre, Chancellor Nominee of the Executive Council.

Item No. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 40th meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 25th January, 2024, which was continued on 04th February, 2024.

The draft minutes of the 40th meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 25th January, 2024, which was continued on 04th February, 2024 were placed before the meeting for confirmation.

Resolution: The Executive Council approved the minutes of the 40th meeting.

Item No. 2: To present the action taken report on the minutes of 40th meeting of Executive Council.

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of the 40th meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 25th January, 2024, continued on 04th February, 2024 was tabled and presented by the Registrar, Prof. A. W. Kiwelekar before the Executive Council.

Resolutions: The ATR was accepted by the Executive Council with following modifications:

Sr. No.	Agenda Item of 40 the Executive Council	Suggestions
1	Appointment of in-charge University Engineer and Officer on Special Duty	<p>Appoint Members suggested to advertise two executive engineers on contract basis against the vacancy created after the retirement of university engineer from the funds of university. further members suggested to keep follow up with the Government of Maharashtra to fill up the post of University Engineer on regular basis</p> <p>Shri. Daladhan S. Kukade and Shri. Prakash B. Avhad will be joined after submission of appraisal report to the University.</p>
2	Preliminary recommendations of the committee for investigation of discrepancies in processing of results by software	<p>A committee was formed to investigate the discrepancies in the processing of results in the software developed by M/S Bynaric System. Earlier as per the resolution of 40th EC Prof. R. S. Holambe was appointed as the member of the inquiry committee.</p> <p>Later on University administration has omitted his name <i>without informing</i> Prof Holambe and cited the reason that the member of EC cannot become the member on a committee constituted by EC itself according to the Statute S3.142.</p> <p>Some of the members expressed dissent over such a communication gap between university administration and members of EC.</p> <p>Apologies were expressed for the administration's inadvertent failure to inform Prof. R. S. Holambe about the said change.</p> <p>Further members suggested placing the report of the inquiry committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Vishal Pande in the next meeting of EC.</p>
3	One Member to be nominated from the	Shri. Ashok M. Shelhalkar, Executive Council has been appointed as the member of the scrutiny committee. Some

	Executive Council on scrutiny committee	of the members asked for an explanation from Dr. H. S. Joshi for appointment of Shri. Ashok M. Shelhalkar in the above mentioned committee, in view of Statute S3.142 (A member of any Authority or body shall not become a member of a body or Committee of the University constituted by the same Authority of body of which he is a member, unless provided for in the Act or Statutes).
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Item No. 3: To approve the budget of the university for the financial year 2024-2025

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The Finance Officer presented the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee for FY 2024-25 before the Executive Council. The finance officer also explained that the requirements from different departments were collected to prepare the draft budget which later on has been recommended by the Finance Committee for approval to the Executive Council.

The income of the University from different sources for the FY 2024-25 is expected to be Rs. 141Cr and the university plans to spend Rs. 161Cr on various academic and infrastructure development activities. The budget includes the deficit of Rs. 20Cr. The detailed budget is attached in Annexure I, including information about sources of income and expenditure on different activities.

During the discussion on the budget, members offered the following suggestions.

- **To create an additional budget-head for Internationalization of Education:**

The Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and AICTE has been continuously asking for internationalization of Higher Education Institutes (HEI). In this context, a new budget head has been proposed for enhancing international collaboration, branding and visiting officers to foreign universities. This is necessary to attract international faculty for collaboration, overseas students and to improve the global perception of the university. Members also suggested creating an additional budget head titled *Internationalization of Education* with an initial outlay of Rs. 1.5Cr for the FY 2024-25.

- **To create an additional budget-head for Research Collaboration:**

The members of the Executive Council emphasized the necessity of collaborative research projects and giving national and international exposure to faculty members and to students pursuing research projects at UG/PG/PhD level. This budget can be used to undertake research visits and research internships at national and international institutes with an aim to increase the collaboration with such institutes. Hence the Executive Council has suggested to create two additional budget heads titled *student teacher international exchange* (Rs. 3.0Cr) and *inter-institute collaboration* (Rs. 0.5Cr) to increase research collaboration with the combined outlay of Rs. 3.5Cr for the FY 2024-25

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Executive Council unanimously approved the University budget for the FY 2024-25 as attached in Annexure-I with the approval of suggestions on creating budget heads for internationalization of education and research collaboration.

Item 3.2 : Permission for depositing funds in various banks.

The finance committee has recommended that funds available with the university can be deposited with various banks as fixed deposits. The banks can be selected on the basis of interest rates provided by them and the facilities made available by them in the university premises.

Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations, the members resolved that the Accounts and Finance section be permitted to deposit the university funds as Fixed Deposits in various banks considering the interest rates and facilities provided by the banks to the university.

Item 3.3 : Permission for statutory auditors tax consultants:

The finance committee has also recommended to extend the services of existing tax consultants appointed by the university and to appoint the new statutory auditor for the next two financial years.

Resolution: After detailed discussions and deliberations, the members resolved that the Accounts and Finance section be permitted to extend the services of existing tax consultants for one more year and to appoint the new statutory auditors for the duration of two years by inviting quotations.

Item No. 4: To approve the names of the students receiving Degrees, Diplomas and Gold Medals in the 26th Convocation.

To give assent to confer Degrees and Diploma to candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022–2023 and have been found fit for the award of Ph .D, M. Tech, M. Pharma., M. Arch., B. Tech., B. Pharma, B. Arch, B. Voc Advanced Diploma, Degree and Diploma as well as gold medal winners as recommended by the Academic Council (Annexure – A) as per DBATU Act 2014 Section 97 and Statutes S.17.1.

The Registrar requested CoE to present the Degree before the Executive Council. Controller of Examination presented list as given below:

a) To approve tentatively 08 who have completed the prescribed requirements of the programme for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

b) To approve tentatively 131 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Master of Technology as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 72 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Master of Pharmacy as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 16 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Master of Architecture as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

c) To approve tentatively 14610 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Degree of Bachelor of Technology as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 6443 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Bachelor of Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 13 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Bachelor of Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (practice) as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 197 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Bachelor of Degree of Bachelor of Architecture as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

To approve tentatively 75 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Bachelor of Degree of Bachelor of Vocation as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

d) To approve tentatively 306 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Bachelor of Pharmacy as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

e) To approve tentatively 12 candidates who have completed the prescribed course of study during the academic year 2022-2023 and have been found fit for the award of Advanced Diploma in Water Quality Management as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive Council during the meeting.

f) To approve the candidates, who stood first in each branch of M.Tech., B.Tech., Diploma, and Advanced Diploma obtaining highest percentage of marks in the final examination, for the award of gold medal as recommended by the Academic Council. The names of the candidates recommended by the Academic Council were placed before the Executive

Council during the meeting.

Resolution:-

After detailed discussions and deliberations, the Executive Council approved all the names of the candidates as recommended by the Academic Council for the award of Ph.D., M.Tech., B.Tech., degrees and Diploma and Advanced Diplomas as well as gold medal winners. (as per Annexure – A).

Further it has been resolved to identify the names for the award of honorary degrees of D.Litt/DSC to be awarded in the 26 convocation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University.

Item No. 5: To propose the panel for selecting the Registrar

The University has advertised to fill up the post of Registrar on a regular basis. A panel to select and conduct interviews for the shortlisted candidates will be proposed.

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation the Executive Council nominated the following members on the panel for selecting the Registrar, Director (Examination), Director (ICT) and Dean as per DBATU Act-Chapter XI,71.

1	Dr. Vinitkumar J. Dongre	Chancellor Nominee on EC
2	Shri. Praveen V. Sardeshmukh	Government Nominee on EC
3	Dr. Raghunath S. Holambe	Government Nominee on EC
4	Shri. Ashok M. Shelhalkar	Government Nominee on EC

Item No. 6: Any other points with the permission of the chair.

6.1. Regarding Complaints by the students of Ratnadeep College of Pharmacy, Ratnapur Jamkhed.

The university received complaints from students of Ratnadeep College of Pharmacy, Ratnapur Jamkhed. These complaints are about mental and financial harassment of the students, unavailability of faculty staff and physical infrastructure at the institute. The students have requested to transfer them to all other institutes.

The university had constituted a four-member fact Finding committee who visited the institute on 09-03-2024 and submitted their report. It has observed that three colleges are running in the same building and the infrastructure is not sufficient as per the requirements. The committee has also discussed with the student representatives and have recommended immediate action against the institute. The copies of the students' complaints and the report of the fact-finding committee placed on the table .

Resolution:- The Executive Council resolved that-

1. To close-down the examination center at the Ratnadeep Pharmacy College, Ratnapur Jamkhed for next four semester examinations.
2. To ask Directorate of Technical Education Maharashtra for shifting the students at Ratnadeep Pharmacy College, Ratnapur Jamkhed to some other institute.

3. To initiate the process of withdrawal of affiliation as per section 57 of the DBATU Act 2014. As an initial step it is recommended to serve a notice to the institute returnable within 30 days as per the section 57 (02) of the DBATU Act 2014.

6.2. TA and honorarium of Executive Council members nominated by Hon. Chancellor and Government:

Most of the members of the Executive Council travel from distant places across Maharashtra to attend the meeting at the Main Campus at Lonere. They need to make an overnight halt at Pune/Mumbai to reach Lonere on time on the day of meeting.

The office of the Registrar has reported that it is becoming difficult for members to meet the traveling expenses provided by the University at the existing government rate of 9 Rs/Km for Petrol fuelled vehicles and 7 Rs./Km for diesel fuelled vehicles.

So the office of the Registrar has proposed to increase the traveling expenses from 9Rs/Km to 12 Rs/km for petrol fuelled vehicles to meet the expenses of fuel charges, driver charges, and overnight halt charges. Further it has been proposed to reimburse the toll taxes paid at actuals upon production of receipts of toll taxes paid during the journey.

Office of the Registrar has also requested to pay an honorarium of Rs. 8,000/- per meeting to the members of the Executive Council nominated by Hon, Chancellors and Government of Maharashtra to meet expenses incurred to dining, stationary, printing, communication and other miscellaneous expenses made to contribute and attend the meeting.

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation members resolved that

- To process the traveling allowance bills as per existing government rate of Rs. 7/km for diesel fuelled vehicle and Rs 9/km for petrol fuelled vehicle or diesel *if any person travels with his own vehicle.*
- To process the traveling allowance bills with the modified rate of Rs.12/km for diesel led vehicle and Rs.14 for petrol fuelled vehicle *anyone travels with hired vehicle* after producing the bill.
- Further members resolved to pay an honorarium of Rs. 8,000/- per meeting to *only the members nominated by Hon. Chancellor and those nominated by Government of Maharashtra* for expenses incurred on dining, stationary, printing, communication and other miscellaneous expenses.

6.3. Nominations of Members of Executive Council on Various bodies: The Executive Council needs to nominate members among themselves on other university bodies and authorities. The office of the registrar requested the Executive Council to provide nominations on the Finance Committee, Building and Works Committee, and Purchase and Sales Committee.

Resolution: The executive council resolved the following nominations.

Sr. No	Recommendations	Remark
Planning Evaluation and Monitoring Board		
1	Prof. S M Pore Dean R&D Nominated under/section 27(1)(d) of DBATU act	32 (g) under/section 27 of the university Act : two members nominated by the Executive Council;
2	Prof Holambe R S	
Finance Committee		

1	Dr. Vinit Dongare	<i>34(g) two members, to be nominated by the Executive Council from amongst its member, one of whom shall be the nominee of the Chancellor on the Executive Council</i>
2	Shri. Ashok M. Shelhalkar	

Building and Works Committee		
1	Mr. Pravin Sardeshmukh	S3.173 (b) One Nominee of the Executive Council
2	Shri. Anil Dinkarrao Kulkarni (ret. superintendent Engineer)	S3.173 (g) One eminent Architect or Civil Engineer nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
Purchase and Sales Committee		
1	Dr. Raghunath S. Holambe	S3.152 © Two members of Executive Council nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
2	Shri. Praveen V. Sardeshmukh	

6.4. Interviews for the post of Principal at M S Bidve College of Engineering Latur

It was informed to the council that the advertisement was published by an affiliated college, M S Bidve College of Engineering Latur on 01/04/2023 as per the Sixth pay norms. The scrutiny of the applications was completed by the institute on 30-07-2023 and accordingly two candidates were found eligible out of the six applications received. However, the university could not conduct their interviews due to the ambiguity in the management and related court cases at High court and Supreme Court. Now the High Court has clarified the matter about the management through its judgment dated 28-02-2024. However, as of now, six months are over after publishing the advertisement. Hence the matter was presented to the council for the guidance on whether the interviews should be conducted for the post of Principal or not?

Resolution:- After detailed discussion and deliberation Executive Council resolved that as the delay was caused due to the court matters, a special case, the Interviews should be conducted for the selection of Principal at M S Bidve College of Engineering Latur based on the scrutiny dated 30-07-2023.

6.5. Officiating Principal at MBES's College of Engineering Ambajogai

It was informed to the council that the post of Principal is vacant for more than a year at MBES's College of Engineering Ambajogai. As the accounts at the institute are being run by the Principal of the institute, the salaries of the faculty and staff members are pending for a long period. The University has received representations from the faculty and staff accordingly. The management has proposed to give approval to Dr. Podar as in-charge Principal. However, He is not eligible for the post of Principal. Furthermore, his approval as in-charge Principal was withdrawn by the University on 09th May 2023 as the documents submitted by the management for his approval were found to be incorrect.

Resolution:- After detailed discussion and deliberation Executive Council resolved that Mr. Rawabawale, who is shown as next senior after Dr. Podar as per the seniority list submitted by the management of the institute, be given the administrative responsibilities of releasing salaries and supervising academic activities.

6.6. Appointment of OSD ICT and Software Developer

It was informed to the council that as per the recommendation of the committee for investigation of discrepancies of the software used for Examinations, the university has decided to initiate the development of software in-house. For this task the experienced and professional manpower is required. Recently during the interviews of ICT engineers on contract basis, the university came across a candidate who has more than 10 years of experience in software development. However, he has requested for a salary of minimum Rs. 50, 000/- per month based on his experience and expertise. Similarly there was one more candidate with 2 years experience at Infosys for software development. Looking into the requirements of the university it is recommended to appoint the above mentioned two candidates as OSD ICT with a salary of Rs. 50, 000/- per month on contract basis and the other candidate as Software Developer with a salary of Rs. 50, 000/- per month on contract basis.

Resolution:- After detailed discussion and deliberation Executive Council approved the proposal to appoint the above mentioned two candidates as OSD ICT with a salary of Rs. 50, 000/- per month on contract basis and the other candidate as Software Developer with a salary of Rs. 50, 000/- per month on contract basis.

6.7. To extend the Appointment order of OSDs at Regional Centers

The University has appointed Officers on Special Duty (OSD) at various regional centers including (Aurangabad, Kolhapur, Solapur, Jalgaon, Nagpur, Pune, and at Main Campus) on adhoc basis. The appointment order of these OSDs is going to terminate in April 2024. Considering the impending Model Code of Conduct for General Election it is not permitted to conduct interviews to appoint new OSDs. However, their services are needed for the smooth functioning of the Summer Examination 2024. Hence, it is necessary to extend the services of these OSD for an additional six months.

Resolution: After detailed discussion and deliberation the Executive Council approved the proposal and permitted the establishment section to extend the appointment order of OSDs at Regional basis for additional six months.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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