

# **GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE BARTON HILL**

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**15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Venue : Conference Hall, GEC Barton Hill**

**Minutes**



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Date & Time : 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 10.50 am, Venue : Conference Hall, GEC Barton Hill

### Minutes

#### Members Present:

1. Prof. K. Kurien Issac, Sr. Professor, IIST, Thiruvananthapuram
2. Shri. M. Sherrif, Addl. Secretary, Higher Education Department
3. Mr. James Joseph, Joint Secretary, Finance Department
4. Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Directorate of Technical Education
5. Dr. N. Vijayakumar, Professor, GEC Barton Hill
6. Dr. B. Anil, Principal, GEC Barton Hill

#### Special Invitees

1. Dr. Savier J. S., TEQIP Coordinator
2. Dr. A. Dorothy, HoD, ECE and Academic Coordinator
3. Dr. Sreekumar, HoD, CE
4. Dr. Shine Lal E., HoD, Science
5. Dr. Jiji Anna Varughese, R&D Coordinator
6. Prof. Anjana K. R., HoD, IT
7. Dr. Dinesh Pai, HOD, EEE and IIIC Coordinator
8. Dr. Anil Lal, HOD, ME
9. Prof. Mary John C, EAP Co-ordinator

The Principal informed the absence of Prof. V. G. Idichandy, Chairman, BoG due to urgent personal reasons. The members of BoG unanimously requested Prof. K. Kurien Issac to Chair the meeting. The meeting started at 10.50 am. Chairman welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. The leave of absence of Prof. Idichandy, Prof. Sundarrajan, Prof. S. Sheela and Dr. K. C. C. Nair were approved by the Chairman of the meeting.

30<sup>th</sup> January being the Martyr's day, 1 minute silence was observed at 11.00 am to pay respect to the martyrs of the country.

Dr. B. Anil, Principal made a brief presentation of the highlights of major activities of the institution during the period after the last BoG meeting. The agenda items were taken for discussion and following decisions were made.

**BG.14.1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoG held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The Board of Governors confirmed the minutes.

**BG.14.2. Action taken - Reporting of**

Action taken based on the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoG was presented by the Principal. The BoG expressed satisfaction over the progress made.

**BG.14.3. Status of TEQIP activities – Reporting of**

The status of TEQIP activities as on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were presented by Dr. B. Anil. BoG reviewed the status of activities.

The BoG congratulated the institution for good strides made in academic activities and outreach activities. However, BoG expressed concern over the relatively poor performance in R & D activities and directed to take necessary steps with the help of SRA to enhance the Research and Development. Principal informed that the present norms followed in the institution in TEQIP, do not allow any purchase of accessories or tools required for research (since the procurement phase is complete). Similarly there is no provision for engaging technical assistants. These are the main reasons why faculty shy away from taking up seed money projects. It was pointed out that in the next phase of TEQIP, at the planning stage itself, while preparing the IDP, the requirement of research equipment and accessories will be formulated based on approved research projects proposed by faculty, and included in the procurement plan. BoG suggested to conduct a workshop so that the requirements can be consolidated.

While appreciating the efforts taken in placement activities, the BoG suggested that the Career Guidance and Placement Unit shall focus more on Career Guidance activities. Similarly the internship and industrial visit activities shall be coordinated through CGPU. It was pointed out by Prof. Kurian Issac that improved interaction of students with industry through internship will help the institution in getting better placement opportunities in Core Jobs.



Principal assured that immediate steps will be taken to address the issues related to R & D and Career Guidance. A concerted effort will be made to promote R & D activities. Steps will be taken to revive Career Guidance activities of the institution and Internship of students in industries.

**BG.14.4. Approval of Conduct of International Conferences**

The BoG examined the proposals of international conferences planned by various departments of the institution for the year 2016. It was suggested that the detailed estimate shall be vetted by a committee headed by the Senior Research Advisor. The recommendations of the committee shall be forwarded to members of BoG. The final approval can be given after circulation of the revised estimate and recommendation from research committee.

**BG.14.5. Approval of Visit of Technical team to Masdar city**

BoG examined the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and Screening Committee and approved the visit of Technical Team consisting of 5 faculty members (Dr. Dinesh Pai A (Professor & Head, EEE), Dr. Jiji Anna Varghese (APCE), Prof. Kiran (APCE), Prof. Vivek R S (APEE) and Prof. Minu R Nath(APIT)). BoG suggested that a proper mechanism shall be put in place for monitoring the outcome of the visit and its progress.

**BG.14.6. Reconsideration of Financial support to Student project**

BoG examined the issue and decided to refund the amount spent by students for the projects which were originally vetted and approved by the SRA prior to 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of BoG (even if it is a part of academic work) as a special case.

It was opined that if innovative projects are initiated by students as a part of academic work, that may be considered for funding, based on recommendation of the research committee headed by SRA. However the decision to reconsider the financial support for new academic projects (fresh applications) was deferred since Prof. Idichandy (Chairman BoG) was not present.

**BG.14.7. Self-assessment report of performance of BoG – Approval regarding**

The Self assessment report was examined and approved by the BoG. BoG suggested that efforts must be taken to get involved in the Startup India Scheme recently initiated by the Government of India.



