

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

NEW DELHI

November 24, 2001

Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24th November at 11.00 AM in the Executive Committee Room of All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi

The following members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. R. Natarajan in Chair
2. Shri M.K. Kaw
3. Prof. Ashoka Chandra
4. Prof. R.C. Malhotra
5. Dr. Dharni P. Sinha
6. Prof. C.K.Kokate
7. Prof. N.R.Shetty
8. Prof. P. Dayaratnam
9. Prof. R.S. Nirjar
10. Prof. S.M. Chatterjee Special Invitee

The following members could not attend the meeting :

1. Dr. H.C. Pande
2. Prof.S.P.Sukhatme
3. Additional Secretary (Expenditure)
4. Principal Secretary, Gujrat
5. Principal Secretary, Karnataka
6. Principal Secretary, Orissa
7. Principal Secretary, Uttaranchal
8. Prof. D.V. Singh
9. Dr.Hari Gautam
10. Dr. H. Ramachandran
11. Director General, ICAR

At the outset, Prof. R.S.Nirjar, Member Secretary welcomed the new AICTE Chairman Prof. R. Natarajan and assured support and cooperation of all the members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Executive Committee to its fortieth meeting.

The meeting started with one minute silence to pay homage to Prof. N.C.Nigam, former Chairman who expired on 6.2.2001. The EC appreciated and placed on record, the efforts made by Prof Nigam in providing leadership and credibility to AICTE, in particular, and technical education, in general.

Education Secretary, Shri M.K. Kaw welcomed the new Chairman, Prof. Natarajan and all the members extended their whole-hearted support to Prof. Natarajan. Before the formal agenda was taken up, Prof. Natarajan, Chairman, requested all the members to give their suggestions so that it could provide directions for the Council to achieve the objectives for which it was established.

The Education Secretary, Shri M.K.Kaw, said that it is advisable to follow a moderate path so that progress is achieved. He suggested that efforts should be made to 'hasten slowly' in achieving the objectives. He also remarked that the Council should delegate Diploma Education completely to State Govts. and concentrate on Degree Education and Post Graduate Education. He said that sufficient time should be given to institutions to grow for providing all needed facilities and infrastructure. Shri Kaw emphatically attributed the lower performance to absence of core staff in the Council which has affected the reputation of Council. He suggested that the system placed must be transparent. The information of every aspect must be provided on website. He also emphasized the need to address the non-formal sector more squarely, which must lead to value addition. He also mentioned that practical content is decreasing in Engineering Education, and Vocationalisation of education should be impressed upon. AICTE, through its All India Board on Vocational Education, should get activated and be more dynamic. He also impressed that AICTE needs to have a think tank. Creation of such a forum would be necessary for the growth of the National Technical Education system. He felt concerned about the slow rate at which accreditation is going on, and there is a need to coordinate and link it with incentives, dis-incentives etc. He emphasized the need of more NBA awareness Workshops.

Prof. Ashoka Chandra, Special Secretary, appreciated the good work done by the Council in the past, despite various limitations in terms of insufficient core/permanent staff. He also addressed the various responsibilities that have been entrusted to the Council which have not been taken up seriously so far. He expressed that the AICTE Act was enacted so that the Council could act as a facilitator and a promoter, and with the sole aim to provide quality education to the students in the technical institutions. He laid stress on the need for constant consultation with all stakeholders to evolve dynamic promotional schemes. Council should concentrate on giving support to research in a concerted manner and take up international issues etc. on a continuous basis. He also said that some disciplines covered under the technical education feel left out, and it is important to have a coordinated development in all areas. He also said that whatever the Council does must be value-based, and must be done with a strong sense of commitment.

Prof. R.C.Malhotra suggested that the model curricula prepared must be of good quality but should not lead to uniformity. There must be sufficient flexibility and diversity left for addressing the local needs. He felt concerned about the mushrooming

of Technical Universities affiliating a larger number of technical institutions and felt that these will ultimately result in deterioration of standards of technical education. He emphasized the need of hastening the accreditation process. He also suggested that the Council should address the issue of Governance of Institutions. He also felt that due weightage should be given to co-curricular and extra curricular activities, communication skills and social issues.

Prof. C.K. Kokate expressed that the Council should concentrate on strengthening of Regional Offices which are running hardly with any staff. He also felt that Regional Committees should be involved more in a coordinated manner in helping the Regional Offices in discharge of their responsibilities. He felt that by delegating power of approval of new polytechnics and increase of intake of existing polytechnics, a part of the pressure presently felt by Regional Officers could be reduced. He felt that during his interaction with the Council, the major issue is shortage of staff and absence of core staff in the council. He felt that at least 50% staff should be core staff or for a longer contractual period. Loss of memory has resulted in lower efficiency, effectiveness and credibility. He expressed concern over the low priority given to non-formal education under continuing education. He felt it can have a very big effect on our educational system. He expressed that AIB should be more effective in advising the Council and should help in providing ideas rather than getting involved in implementation of schemes. He also felt a study needs to be undertaken regarding requirement of opening of new institutions in some states where seats remain vacant (30% in Pharmacy, e.g. in A.P.). He expressed that the Council should concentrate on PG education and to promote research which can help in generating faculty subsequently. He felt that the Ministry and Council should promote NBA for accreditation of technical institutions more vigorously.

Prof. Dayaratnam suggested that Engineering Colleges established more recently have a short cycle, poor vision, with low or no planning for future. He felt that adequate guidance is required from the Council to help them in preparing action plans etc. He felt concerned about shortage of faculty in ever-growing number of institutions, which has affected quality as well as quantity. More emphasis needs to be given by the Council on faculty. Institutions need to emphasise on developmental work that will help them to improve quality.

Prof. Dharni P. Sinha expressed his concern about the large number of Business schools. He felt that time has come to consolidate them, and address issues relating to quality of these institutions. He felt that more centres of excellence should be promoted which should be research-based. He also felt that assistance could be sought from other agencies to take up study on behalf of the Council. Justice should be done to all disciplines of technical education. He suggested that the terms of reference of the Boards need to be reviewed. He also suggested that it is important that the Brand Equity of the Council is respected everywhere; so there is need for having more objectivity and transparency in whatever is done. Any thing which is done on an adhoc basis makes the system lose its credibility. He advised that it is essential to organise internally to serve externally.

Prof. S.M. Chatterjee felt the need of manpower research to be carried out to ensure that our education does not lead to under-employment/unemployment. Most of the colleges are diluting the norms, and it should be viewed seriously. He advised that the Council should address other social concerns like backward classes, disabled, women etc. He felt concerned over lack of relevance and quality of standards of proposals received in thrust/emerging areas. He also expressed concern over sectorial imbalances and wanted the Council to involve industry and other service sectors to address the rural issues. He desired that the Council should concentrate on continuous education issues for value addition to professionals/teachers/teaching learning processes.

The Chairman thanked the members for providing the guidance so that the Vision of the Council could be achieved.

Section - 1

(Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting)

Item No. 40.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the Thirty ninth meeting of the Executive Committee held on January 22, 2001.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

Section - 2

(Action Taken Report)

Item No. 40.02.01 : To receive the note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the Thirtyninth meeting of the Executive Committee held on January 22, 2001.

The Executive Committee noted the status of the action taken.

Section - 3

(For Information of the Members)

Item No. 40.03.01 : To receive a note on Assistance given in 2000-2001 by AICTE to the Government to run technical colleges in Gujarat, affected by Earthquake.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.02 : To receive a note on the statement of Annual Accounts of the Council for the Financial Year 2000-2001.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.03 : To receive a note on the Selections made in Group A Level Technical and Non-Technical posts in AICTE.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.04 : To receive a note on the Travel Grant for the Financial Year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.05 : To receive a note on the Seminar Grant for the Financial Year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.06 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Emeritus Fellowship for the Financial Year 2000-2001.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the criteria for award of fellowship should be Research and Teaching, and not only Research.

Item No. 40.03.07 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) for the Financial Year 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.08 : To receive a note on the Scheme of QIP (Poly.) for the Financial Year 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.09 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Career Award for Young Teachers for the Financial Year 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.10 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Visiting Professorship for the Financial Year 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.11 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Staff Development for the Financial Year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was noted that as per Prof. Indresan Committee Report the TTIs are going to be revamped into National Institutes of Technical Education and Research. These institutions must be asked to cover Engineering Colleges as well for providing training to the faculty of these colleges. It was also suggested that a scheme for development of non teaching and supporting staff may be worked out by the Council. Such a scheme should incorporate measurable parameters for evaluation of enhancement of competencies to suit the requirements of advances taking place due to technological development.

Item No. 40.03.12 : To receive a note on the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Professional Societies/Bodies for the Financial Year 2000-2001.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the aims and objectives of the scheme should be reviewed and more Professional Societies should be supported by providing sufficient grant.

Item No. 40.03.13 : To receive a note on the Early Faculty Induction Programme for bright young students for the Financial Year 2001-2002.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the scheme should be reviewed.

Item No. 40.03.14 : To receive a note on the AICTE-INAE Distinguished Visiting Professorship Scheme.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the scheme should be reviewed and the number of fellowships should be enhanced.

Item No. 40.03.15 : To receive a note on the Career Advancement Scheme.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.16 : To receive a note on the clarification on Norms for calculation of work load in technical institutions.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.17 : To receive a note on the qualifications and allied matters for workshop personnel in degree level technical institutions.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.18 : To receive a note on the clarification of minimum qualification for Teaching Posts in degree level technical institutions.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.19 : To receive a note on the proposals received for establishment of new technical institutions for the year 2002-03/2003-04.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.20 : To receive a note on the new technical institutes approved during 2001-02.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.21 : To receive a note on the model curriculum/syllabi prepared by the Council in course curriculum of different engineering courses throughout the country.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.22 : To receive a note on the processing of proposals for establishment of new technical institutions, additional courses and increase in intake for the year 2002-03.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.23 : To receive a note on the new technical institutes approved during 2001-02 in Pharmacy, Management, Architecture, HMCT & Applied Arts.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.24 : To receive a note on the extension of approval to diploma level institutions.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the AICTE should delegate the powers to State level committees, and the Secretary, Technical Education of the State Govt. to be the final authority on behalf of AICTE to finalise the approval of diploma level institutions. The Secretary dealing with Technical

Education of the concerned State shall be the Chairman of such a Committee and will get the final list notified through the concerned Regional Office of AICTE. In case the State is unable to take up this responsibility due to any reason, then AICTE will follow the existing procedure.

Item No. 40.03.25 : To receive a note on the revised intake for PG courses.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.26 : To receive a note on the standardisation of nomenclature of PG courses.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the colleges be directed to admit students only in these approved nomenclature in future. The Council should review the list every year in consultation with various other agencies and Professional Bodies. It must be ensured that the AICTE list and UGC list should be compatible.

Item No. 40.03.27 : To receive a note on the rationalisation of nomenclatures of PG programme in Management

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that the institutions should be intimated that admissions should be made under these nomenclature only from 2002-2003.

Item No. 40.03.28 : To receive a note on the constitution of National Fee Committee.

The Executive Committee received the note.

Item No. 40.03.29 : To receive a note on the Activities of NBA during the period of January 2001 – November 2001.

The Executive Committee received the note. It was suggested that MHRD should be kept informed about activities of National / International relevance, such as signing of MOUs with different countries which cuts across the functions of several ministries.

Item No. 40.03.30 : To receive a note on the information and advise on the judgement of the Supreme Court of India in the case of Bharathidasan University & Anr. V/s AICTE & ors.

The Executive Committee noted the contents of the judgement. The EC suggested that the Council may have to revise its various

regulations in view of this judgement, and also prepare regulations on all those provisions as listed in section 10 of the Act, which do not have supporting Regulations. Legal opinion may be obtained on the Judgement.

Section - 4

(For Discussion and Consideration)

Item No. 40.04.01 : To consider and approve re-constitution of the Board of Research.

The proposal was approved.

Item No. 40.04.02 : To consider for approval, the introduction of part time B.Architecture at under graduate level at School of Planning & Architecture, JNTU, Hyderabad and Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi.

The recommendations were approved.

Item No. 40.04.03 : To consider and approve recommendations of the Expert Committee recommendations for grant of Deemed to be University status to Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

The recommendations of Expert Committee for granting Deemed to be University status to NSIT were approved.

Item No. 40.04.04 : To consider and approve recommendations of the Expert Committee recommendations for grant of Deemed to be University Status to SRM Engineering College, Chennai (TN).

The recommendation of Expert Committee that “Deemed to be Status to SRM Engineering College may not be granted” was approved. The college is to be informed about the shortcomings, as reported by the Expert Committee.

Item No. 40.04.05 : To consider and approve the guidelines for effecting the change of course for students in an engineering college at the beginning of the III semester (II Year).

The Executive Committee considered the matter in view of the decision of Hon’ble High Court and reiterated the earlier decision

of the Council. It approved the guidelines without affecting the amendment as proposed by High Court.

Item No. 40.04.06 : To consider and approve a promotional policy on Accreditation of Technical Programme(s) being conducted by Technical Institutions.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.07 : To consider and approve the recommendations of National Board of Accreditation (NBA) in respect of Regulations & Organisational Structure.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.08 : To consider and approve the policy for regulating entry and operation of foreign universities in India imparting technical education.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.09 : To consider and approve the recommendations regarding manpower requirement of AICTE.

The Executive Committee suggested that the report may be sent to the Committee constituted by the EC in its 39th meeting for their comments.

Item No. 40.04.10 : To consider and approve the re-distribution of posts of Data Entry Operator cum Assistants (DEOAs) to other non-technical cadres.

The item was approved in principle. However, it was suggested that the MHRD may also be involved in this exercise.

Item No. 40.04.11 : Please see Item No.40.05.05

Item No. 40.04.12 : To consider and approve taking up of interior work at NBCC Building.

The proposal was approved.

Item No. 40.04.13 : To consider and approve the guidelines for Denovo Deemed to be University Status to Technical Institutions.

The Executive Committee suggested that these guidelines may be reviewed on the basis of the guidelines prepared by UGC.

Item No. 40.04.14 : To consider and approve the diploma and post graduate diploma courses of 1-2 years duration after completion of 10+2/B.Sc. degree courses.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.15 : To consider and approve the resolution of Govt. of India for holding All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) – 2002.

The item was approved.

Item No. 40.04.16 : To consider and approve the report of the Committee constituted to study the functioning of NTMIS (National Technical Manpower Information system).

The item was deferred as desired by Director, IAMR.

Item No. 40.04.17 : To consider and approve the draft Annual Report of the Council for the Year 2000-2001.

The item was approved.

Item No. 40.04.18 : To consider and approve the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Norms and Standards and approval process of the AICTE.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.19 : To consider and approve the delegation of authority of the approval process for new diploma institutions during the year 2001-02 to the State Govts.

The item was approved.

Item No. 40.04.20 : To consider and approve the various courses in Management other than MBA/PGDM.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.21 : To consider and approve the proposal for according approval to P.G. courses (self-financing or otherwise) for particular duration.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.22 : To consider and approve the decision of the meeting held on Asian Accreditation Accord on 28-29 September, 2001 at Le Royal Meridien, Chennai.

The proposal was approved. The MHRD should also be informed for according formal approval for conducting such activities in future.

Item No. 40.04.23 : To consider and approve the continuation of Leased accommodation for residential purpose of AICTE staff.

The Executive Committee suggested that the item may be taken up after due discussion with the Ministry.

Item No. 40.04.24 : To consider and approve the revised delegation of administrative powers.

The item was withdrawn.

Item No. 40.04.25 : To consider and approve the proposal for creation of Corpus Fund out of unspent balance of Processing Fee and other self generated income.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.26 : To consider and approve the utilisation of savings from the processing fee account for capital expenditure at AICTE Headquarter and its Regional Offices.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.27 : To consider and approve the re-constitution of Board of Industry Institution Interaction (BOII).

The item was approved.

Item No. 40.04.28 : To consider and approve the matter regarding the recognition of various degrees/diplomas being awarded by IGNOU in respect of its different programmes in technical education, by AICTE as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Universities in the Country.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.29 : To consider and approve the recommendations of the Expert Committee for grant of the Deemed to be University status to Karunya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore (TN).

The recommendation of the Expert Committee was approved. The Executive Committee suggested that the shortcomings may be communicated to the Institution.

Item No. 40.04.30 : To consider and approve the minimum qualifications and experience prescribed for teaching posts in degree level technical institutions.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.31 : To consider and approve the payment of retirement benefits to the employees of NTMIS.

The item was deferred.

Item No. 40.04.32 : To consider and approve the development fee for MCA.

It was decided to send the recommendations to National fee committee so that the same is taken into consideration while finalizing their recommendations.

Section - 5

(For Ratification of the Action Taken)

Item No. 40.05.01 : To ratify the decision of the discontinuation of AICTE-CEP scheme and launch of Centre for National Academic Network for Continuing Education (C-NANCE) in the non-formal sector of technical education.

The item was ratified. It was decided that the scheme may be named as National Academic Network for Continuing Education (NANCE) instead of C-NANCE.

Item No. 40.05.02 : To ratify the guidelines for admission of students under NRI quota.

The item was ratified. It was suggested that the definition of the NRI student should be clearly defined and the notification be modified accordingly.

Item No. 40.05.03 : To ratify the decision of the Committee of Advisers for processing cases for approval.

The item was ratified. It was also decided that for 2002-2003 proposals, a committee consisting of Chairman AICTE, Vice-Chairman, AICTE, Member Secretary, AICTE and one of the EC members out of: Prof N R Shetty/ Prof R C Malhotra, may serve as the EC sub-committee. It was also decided that a Grievance Committee consisting of Prof. Ashok Chandra, Prof. S.P.Sukhatme and Prof. C.K.Kokate be constituted to look into the grievances, if any, for 2002-2003.

Item No. 40.05.04 : To ratify the decision of payment of remuneration to Chairmen of the visiting teams for preparing the Accreditation Assessment report.

The item was ratified.

Item No. 40.05.05 : To ratify the mode of selection of the best design for the allotted piece of land measuring 5 acres to AICTE at JNU campus.

The item was ratified.

Item No. 40.05.06 : To ratify the decision of the constitution of Complaint Committee for sexual harassment.

The item was ratified.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

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(R.S. Nirjar)
Member Secretary

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(R. Natarajan)
Chairman