All India Council for Technical Education

Minutes of the meeting of the Emergent Executive Committee (II) held on September 28, 2004 at 10.30 Hrs in the Executive Committee Room, AICTE, New Delhi.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. R. Natarajan - in Chair
2. Prof. M. Anandakrishnan
3. Prof. B.S. Sonde
4. Prof. S. S. Gokhale
5. Dr. H. Ramachandran
6. Dr. Akhilesh Das
7. Shri Ravi Mathur - Member Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Secretary Education, MHRD, GOI
2. Secretary Expenditure, GOI
3. Prof. R.S. Nirjar
4. Prof. R. C. Malhotra
5. Prof. M. Rammohan Rao
6. Prof. Balaveera Reddy
7. Prof. H.C. Pande
8. Prof. Y.S. Rajan
9. Prof. Arun Nigavekar
10. Director General, ICAR
11. Principal Secretary, Orissa
12. Principal Secretary, Uttaranchal
13. Principal Secretary, Gujarat
14. Principal Secretary, Karnataka

At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members to the emergent meeting of Executive Committee. Chairman also introduced Dr. Akhilesh Das newly nominated member to the other members of the EC. Before taking up the agenda, Chairman briefly explained the reasons for calling the emergent meeting.
The following agenda items were discussed and decision taken:

Item No. 1: To consider and approve the revised Approval Process Hand Book for the year 2005-2006.

The Executive Committee made a detailed deliberation on various changes proposed in the Approval process Hand Book for the year 2005 – 2006 and accepted the following with modifications:

New Institutions:

- Multi-category institutions shall also be approved in addition to single category Institutions.
- The Trust / Society of proposed new institutions shall be required to submit a Detailed Project Report (DPR) at the time of submission of their application seeking approval for the establishment of the proposed institution.
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the concerned State Government is mandatory. Once NOC is issued it shall remain valid for three academic years.
  
  In case NOC from the State Government is not received by the due cut off date, AICTE shall not consider such applications for further processing.
- Letter of Intent once issued for establishment of a new Institution shall remain valid for three years.
- Joint FDR will continue as per prevailing Norms of 2004-2005 till the Pros and Cons of the proposed Bank Guarantee are examined by a Sub-Committee.
- The maximum permissible classroom size, number of courses and intake shall continue to be same as per prevailing Norms of 2004-2005 and accordingly the Norms of Land, Built-up area, Faculty, Computer, Library etc will remain as per present Norms of 2004-2005.

Existing Institutions:

- The NOC from the State Government is not required for existing institutions applying for additional courses / variation in intake. However, the NOC of the affiliating University shall be required.
The maximum permissible classroom size, number of courses and intake shall continue to be same as per prevailing Norms of 2004-2005 and accordingly the Norms of Land, Built-up area, Faculty, Computer, Library etc will remain as per present Norms of 2004-2005.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Prof. R.C. Malhotra, Prof. M. Anandakrishnan and Prof. B.S. Sonde was constituted to finalise the DPR format for incorporation in the application form.

The Policy / guidelines for approval of Bio-technology at Under-Graduate degree level programme shall be as stated below:

(ii) No new institutions shall be eligible for approval to B.Tech. / Under-graduate degree level programme in Bio-Technology.

(iii) There must be a well-established Department in an Institution conducting AICTE approved B.E. / B. Tech level programmes in Chemical Engineering / Agricultural Engineering / Food Technology / Bio-Medical Engineering / Environmental Engineering / Sugar Technology / Leather Technology / Pulp & Paper Technology / Textile Technology (Engineering) / Materials Science & Technology Course.

Item No. 2: To consider and approve the revised requirement of Joint FDR / Bank Guarantee for New Institutions in Pharmacy.

The Executive Committee decided to continue with the existing provisions as applicable for the year 2004-2005.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the recommendations of AIB-ATPE in respect of the eligibility criteria / entry-level qualification to B. Architecture / Planning degree course.

The Executive Committee decided that the eligibility criteria / entry-level qualification to B. Architecture / Planning degree course shall be same as applicable for the year 2004-2005.

Item No. 4: To receive a note on the familiarization visit of the Washington Accord team.

The item was withdrawn.
Item No. 5: To consider the recommendations of Estimate Committee regarding Management Education.

The Executive Committee, in its deliberations, considered the provisions of the AICTE Act, 1987, which has categorically and consciously included Management Education under the purview of AICTE in Chapter I, item 2(9). It also considered the recommendations of the AICTE Review Committee (U.R. Rao Committee), “Management Education should remain part of AICTE, as there is a close inter-relationship between management and engineering and separate Management Council is not desirable”. The EC also considered various action plan taken up by AICTE for improvement of quality in Management Education and was of view that compartmentalization of courses / programmes will be detrimental to Technical Education. After detailed deliberations, the EC unanimously decided that Management Education should continue to be a part of Technical Education and under the purview of AICTE.

Item No. 6: Any Other Item

The Executive Committee ratified the expenditure incurred on the official Mobile Phone provided to the Chairman, AICTE.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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(Ravi Mathur) (R. Natarajan)
Member Secretary Chairman