

Minutes of the 111th Executive Committee meeting held on November 15, 2017 at 10.00 am in the Visvesvaraya Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Wing 4, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:

Following Members were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.P. Poonia Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Prof. (Dr). Sandeep Kulshreshta, Chairman, AIB -HTM, AICTE	Member
4.	Shri. Manoj Bhargava, Assistant Director, Deptt. of Technical Education, Govt. of Rajasthan.	Nominee of Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Rajasthan
5.	Prof. A.K. Ray, Director, IEST, Kolkata (West Bengal)	Member
6.	Prof. Avinash Chander Former Secretary R&D and DG, DRDO, New Delhi	Member
7.	Prof. N.S. Vyas Chairperson, Technology Mission for Indian Railways	Member
8.	Prof. S.K. Kak Former Vice Chancellor, Jaypee University, Solan, HP	Member
9.	Shri. P.K. Thakur Secretary, UGC	Nominee of Chairman, UGC
10.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Secretary, Education, Deptt. of Higher Education, MHRD; Prof. P.K. Garg, Chairman, Northern Regional Committee, AICTE; The Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chairman, Southern Regional Committee; Prof. Janat Shah, Chairman, AIB-MS, AICTE; Prof B.B. Ahuja Chairman, AIB-VE, AICTE; Financial Advisor, MHRD; Secretary, Technical Education, Mizoram; Secretary, Technical Education, Odisha; Secretary, Technical Education, Puducherry; Director General, IAMR, New Delhi and Director General, ICAR could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

Prof. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman-AICTE welcomed all the members in the 111th Executive Committee meeting. He apprised all the members about recent events organized by AICTE for the first time. Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards where innovations and achievements of students of AICTE approved technical institutions were recognized by awarding 66 teams in different categories for their ideas about converting existing campuses into smart campuses. AICTE has also instituted awards for Clean & Green campus & best start-ups from colleges. Chairman, AICTE further apprised about the successful organization of a two-day national conference on "Developed Village, Developed Nation" during 29-30 October, 2017 at AICTE Auditorium which has been witnessed by some Members of Parliament and Ministers from Government of India.

Prof. Sahasrabudhe informed the members that AICTE has discontinued acknowledgment with mementos to the dignitaries and has introduced a new way of honoring the guests by planting a sapling in the name of guest and issuing a certificate with a QR code scanning which the guest can see the actual plant and growth of plant. Institutions are being informed for setting up clean green campuses. It was also announced that AICTE will soon revive its newsletter which will be released bi-annually. It is also proposed to have a digital newsletter with only a few printed copies for records. The efforts made by AICTE under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe was appreciated by EC.

An e-mail was received from the office of Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser (JS& FA), MHRD in the afternoon on 15th November 2017, informing the comments on the Agenda received by them. Since the comments were received after the meeting, the same could not be brought to the notice during the meeting. However, the comments received from the office of JS & FA, MHRD have been observed that decision of the Executive Committee is already in line with the observations made in the aforesaid e-mail. The EC will be apprised through email before confirmation of EC minutes in forthcoming meeting.

The formal Agenda Items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 111.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 110th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 17, 2017.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 110th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 17, 2017.

The members were informed about a correction under Item No. 110.03.09 in the 110th minutes of the Executive Committee. The revised extension of approval granted by the Executive Committee to IIFM, Bhopal is for the AY 2012-13 to 2016-17 and for MDI, Gurgaon, Haryana in respect of Fellow Program is for the AY 2014-15 to 2016-17. Further, as decided in the 110th meeting of EC, an EVC shall be conducted to these institutes before processing the aforesaid approval. The EC approved the corrections in minutes of 110th EC meeting.

Item No. 111.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 111th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 17, 2017.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken in the 110th meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 17, 2017.

Item No. 111.03.01 : To consider and approve additional sector "Service" with Specialization "Electrical Equipment Maintenance" under Community College Scheme from the academic year 2015-16.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for granting approval to Vocational Education Programme in Service Sector with specialization "Electrical Equipment Maintenance" w.e.f. AY 2015-16.

Item No. 111.03.02

: To consider and approve the recommendations of Selection Committee meeting held on 01.11.2017 for appointment of one Staff car driver on regular basis in AICTE, Hqs, New Delhi.

The sealed envelope containing the recommendations of the Selection Committee in its meeting held on 01-11-2017, for appointment to the post of Staff Car Driver, was opened. Shri Davinder Singh who fulfilled all the requirements of the post and recommended by the committee was approved by the Executive Committee. The EC suggested that before issuing offer letter of appointment, Police Verification may be done.

Item No. 111.03.03

: To consider and approve booking of Air Tickets through Private Travel Agencies.

The Executive Committee decided that bookings through any private agency, private agent or even online through Makemytrip.com, Yatra.com, etc. is not allowed. The Executive Committee further considered the proposal and approved that booking of air tickets directly from the website of private airlines without involving services of any private agency or online operator is allowed in case of exigencies only. The Executive Committee also allowed booking of tickets by private airlines for the connecting flights when such flights by Air India are not available or seats are full and self-declaration given by the travelling Expert or official, may be treated sufficient for booking of tickets of connecting flights.

Item No. 111.03.04

: To consider the proposal for the grant of approval to technical courses at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma Level conducted by Directorate General of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (EME), Integrated HQ, of Ministry of Defence (Army), New Delhi through their various institutions.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and accorded approval in-principle for awarding Diploma and Advanced Diploma to Armed Forces Personnel who are supposed to pursue these courses in the concerned institutions under the Directorate General (EME). Further, the institutions under Directorate General (EME) will thereafter submit detailed proposal to AICTE individually for approval in the standard format online as required for AICTE approval. EC recommended that before giving approval, EVC shall be conducted.

Item No. 111.03.05

: To consider and approve launching of a new scheme as "Support to students for participating in competitions abroad".

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved launching of new scheme 'Support to meritorious students for participating in competitions abroad'. The Executive Committee also approved the annual budget proposal of Rs. 2.5 crores without any limit on number of teams as long as the teams have won National level event. The EC further decided

that the financial support of the proposed air fare component under the scheme, will be granted in respect of only Air India tickets booked through authorized agents or directly through Air India, as per Govt. of India guidelines in this regard.

Item No. 111.03.06

- : To consider and approve an expenditure of Rs.19.97 Crore estimated for implementing AICTE Smart Campus & Centre of Excellence at AICTE Hqs. and its 10 Regional/Camp Offices.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length on the proposal and accorded approval in-principle for an estimated expenditure of Rs.19.97 Crore for implementing AICTE Smart Campus & Centre of Excellence at AICTE Hqs. and its ten Regional/Camp Offices. The Committee constituted for this purpose shall submit its recommendations to Chairman, AICTE for approval. Thereafter, as per approval of the Chairman AICTE purchases under this proposal may be executed through GeM portal of Govt. of India only.

Item No. 111.03.07

- : To consider and approve hiring of technical manpower under Stanford Project for Development of 'Student Learning Assessment'.

The Executive Committee was informed about the MoU between AICTE and Stanford University. The Executive Committee deliberated on the requirement of manpower and decided that the manpower may be hired from the existing manpower agency, already having a contract agreement with AICTE i.e M/s. BECIL and further approved engaging and deploying manpower exclusively for this project. Payment shall be made as per the existing practice in AICTE for similar posts. The EC also decided that a three member Standing Committee may be constituted comprising of former Vice Chancellors for effecting implementation of the scheme as per the provisions of MoU between AICTE and Stanford University.

Item No. 111.03.08

- : To consider and approve the recommendations of the committee regarding fixation of maintenance charges of AICTE Hqrs. Auditorium, Conference Rooms and Guest House Rooms.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the committee regarding fixation of maintenance charges of AICTE Hqrs. Auditorium, Conference Rooms and Guest House Rooms with minor modifications in the categories as under:

Category mentioned in the agenda	Category approved by the Executive Committee
Govt. /Ministries	Government institutions/ Government departments & Ministries
PSU/Autonomous org	AICTE approved self-financing private institutions/PSUs/ Autonomous org
NGO/Pvt. Institutions	NGO/other Private institutions

Sl. No.	Name of Hall	Capacity	Rates to be charged (Rs.)		
			Govt. instns./ Govt. depts. & Ministries	AICTE approved self-financing private instns./PSU/ Autonomous org.	NGO/other Private instns.
1	Auditorium	850	50,000/-	1,00,000/-	2,00,000/-
		Extra charges for use of screens and projector	10,000/-	15,000/-	20,000/-
		Charges for use of Dining Hall/ Open space for Lunch and Dinner	5,000/-	10,000/-	20,000/-
		Putting a Pandal outside the Auditorium	5,000/-	10,000/-	20,000/-
2	Sir M Visvesvaraya/ Homi Bhabha	50 each	10,000/-	15000/-	20,000/-
3	Aryabhatta / C.V. Raman	20 each	6,000/-	9,000/-	12,000/-
4	Bhaskar/ Ramanujan	70 each	15,000/-	20,000/-	30,000/-

- The institutes with whom AICTE has signed MoU may also be exempted from charges for programmes organized jointly with AICTE.

Further, following note may also be added while issuing order:

"MHRD and JNU are exempted from payment of any charges for utilizing the AICTE Hqrs. Auditorium."

The observations of the members were also noted for improving the facilities in the AICTE Guest house and upgrading the infrastructure requirements like LEDs/LCDs, mini refrigerator, additional mirrors, catering services etc. It was opined by the members that trainers/Staff from approved Institute of Hotel Management may be invited periodically for training of the manpower deployed for maintaining AICTE Guest house. AICTE should also depute its officers for undertaking periodic and surprise checks from time to time and ensure cleanliness, hygiene, quality, services etc.

Item No. 111.03.09

- : To consider and approve recommendations of the committee constituted to evaluate the applications submitted by NEEM applicants.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the recommendations of the committee constituted to evaluate the

applications submitted by NEEM applicants for registration as NEEM facilitator. The EC also approved closing of those applications which were not recommended by the Committee and have been granted three chances for submission of documents in compliance to deficiencies and such applicants may be informed.

Item No. 111.03.10 : To consider and approve invitation of proposals from Govt./Govt. aided Technical Institutes as beneficiaries of e-resource from e-Shodh Sindhu, INFLIBNET.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved invitation of proposals from Govt./Govt. aided Technical Institutes as beneficiaries of e-resource from e-Shodh Sindhu, INFLIBNET in-principle and further suggested that:

- Minimum 100 mbps internet connectivity shall have to be ensured for receiving the benefit of e-resources sought from AICTE;
- Preference shall be given to those institutions wherever PG programs/courses are being conducted;
- Utilization of funds granted under the scheme should be acknowledged by the concerned institutions wherever contents have been used;
- Publications by faculty in Journals should be acknowledged with a footer note clearly mentioning that the funding is supported by AICTE;
- Utilization report should be sought from AICTE supported institutions during approval process data collection.

Item No. 111.03.11 : To consider and approve granting parity with respective pay and allowances to QIP scheme for Engineering College Teachers under AICTE-INAE-TRF scheme.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the features of AICTE-INAE-TRF and QIP schemes. The EC approved the proposal for granting parity to the Engineering College teachers selected for AICTE-INAE-TRF scheme with respect to pay and allowance similar to that being paid under QIP scheme.

Item No. 111.03.12 : To consider and approve enhancement of honorarium to visiting experts under AICTE-INAE-Distinguished Visiting Professorship (DVP) scheme.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for enhancement of honorarium from Rs.3000/- to Rs.10,000/- to visiting experts under AICTE-INAE-Distinguished Visiting Professorship (DVP) scheme. The EC examined the status of payment of experts in IITs and similar institutes before taking a final decision.

Item No. 111.03.13

: To consider and approve the proposal to include approvals to run Skill/NSQF programme in APH – 2018-19 to be published for Grant of Approval for Setting up new Technical Institution offering Technical Programme /Grant of Approval for Extension of approval to the existing Institutions/ Continuation and allow Skill Partners of NSDC / NSDC to work as SKP.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved including Skill/NSQF programme in the forthcoming Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2018-19. The members appreciated the proposal for merging approval under Skill / NSQF programmes with the institution approvals for technical education programmes/courses issued by AICTE as per procedure laid under APH.

Item No. 111.03.14

: To consider and approve processing of proposals under various AQIS schemes viz – a –viz financial implications thereof.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved incurring of expenditure from AICTE funds in case the entire amount is not met from the funds received from MHRD for proposals received under AQIS. It was further approved that the total grant to be sanctioned per institute should not exceed Rs.25 Lakhs other than the grants released for the "Margdarshan", "Skill and Personality Development Programme center & also the schemes for students support for SC/ST Students" and "Hostel for SC/ST Students" Schemes. The EC suggested that institutions located in rural areas should be encouraged to apply under AQIS.

Item No. 111.03.15

: To consider and approve changes made in the Approval Process Handbook for the Academic Year 2018-19.

A presentation regarding proposed changes in the Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2018-19 was made by Prof. Usha Natesan, Advisor (Approval Bureau) to the members. The members deliberated and lauded the efforts of AICTE on numerous changes proposed which were beneficial to stakeholders at large. The Executive Committee approved the changes made in the Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2018-19.

Item No. 111.03.16

To consider incorporation of amendment to the AICTE Regulations 2016 in view of the changes incorporated in the Approval Process Handbook 2018-19.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved incorporation of amendment to the AICTE Regulations 2016 in view of the proposed changes in the Approval Process Handbook 2018-19. The Executive Committee decided that a notification in this regard may be issued before starting the approval process for 2018-19.

Table Agenda:

Item No. 111.03.17

To consider and approve the proposal to conduct Executive Leadership Program for Vice- Chancellors & Senior Educationists.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved conducting Executive Leadership program for Vice Chancellors and Senior Educationists etc. at AICTE , New Delhi with effect from 24th to 26th December 2017 and also approved the proposed budget of Rs.6.75 lakhs for organizing the three day event.

Item No. 111.03.18

To consider and approve the proposal to sign MoU with Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan as SKP.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of signing of MoU between AICTE and Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi as a Skill Knowledge Provider under NSQF to impart skill training on specialization "Holistic Sciences in Sanskrit" under sector 'Culture' for different levels of NSQF.

Item No. 111.03.19

To consider and approve hiring of IT Consultants for follow up action of SIH-2017 and implementation of Smart India Hackathon-2018.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved hiring of two IT consultants for follow up action of SIH-2017 and implementation of Smart India Hackathon-2018. It was further decided that due procedure for hiring from the already contracted manpower agency may be followed. The engagement of two consultants should be till the completion of Smart India Hackathon 2018.

Item for ratification:

Item No. 111.04.01

: To ratify expenses incurred for AICTE's and Indian Start-ups participation in Global Innovators Festa (GIF) 2017 and South Korean Start-up Ecosystem Exposure visit to South Korea.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 111.04.02

: To ratify the payment of grant of Seed Money of Rs.50.00 Lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) by AICTE to Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (Svyasa), Bangalore from SWAYAM Fund for creation of online courses on "Yoga Instructor Courses" for Swayam.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Items for Information :

Item No. 111.05.01 : To receive a note on the Judgment by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 17869-17870/2017 and Civil Appeal No. 17902-17905/2017.

The Executive Committee received the information. The Executive Committee was also informed about constitution of a Committee in this regard.

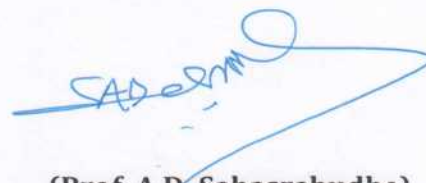
Item No. 111.05.02 : To receive a note on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding not allowing B.Tech (Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology) candidates to appear in GPAT Examination.

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. A.P. Mittal)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman