ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION Nelson Mandela Marg, New Delhi 110 070

Minutes of the 52nd (Emergent) Meeting of the Council held on August 03, 2017 at 01.30 pm onwards in the Visvesvaraya Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Wing 4, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:

Members present:

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Dr. M. P.Poonia Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Ms. Malati Narayanan, Deputy Secretary, MHRD	Nominee of Secretary, MHRD
4.	Prof. S.C. Saxena, Chairman, NRC-AICTE	Member
5.	Prof. Sathans, Chairman, AIB-TE	Member
6.	Prof. M.R. Ravi Chairman, AIB-UG	Member
7.	Prof. V.S. Sapkal Chairman, AIB-PGERT	Member
8.	Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay Adviser, DST	Nominee, Secretary, DST
9.	Shri Harinder Pal Singh Additional Director, DTE, Govt of Punjab	Nominee, Secretary, TE, Punjab
10.	Prof. P.B. Sharma President , AIU	Member
11.	Shri P.K. Desai President, ISTE	representative of ISTE
12.	Ms. Archana Mudgal Registrar –cum Secretary	Nominee, President, PCI
13.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Secretary (TE), MHRD; Dr. R. Rudramoorthy, Chairman, SRC-AICTE; Dr. N. M. Kondap, Chairman, WRC-AICTE; Prof. Sabyasachi Sen Gupta, Chairman, ERC-AICTE; Prof. B.B. Ahuja, Chairman, AIB-VE, AICTE; Prof. Janat Shah, Chairman, AIB-MS, AICTE; Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (HRD); Secretary (TS), Mizoram; Secretary, TE, Nagaland; Secretary, TE, Odisha; Secretary, TE, Puducherry; Secretary, TE, Rajasthan; Secretary, Technical Education, Sikkim; Secretary, TE, Tamil Nadu; Vice President, CoA, New Delhi; Director General, NPC; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR, New Delhi; Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and Director General, CSIR, New Delhi could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

Seven Regional Committees of AICTE are being re-constituted and the proposed Chairmen of the four Regional Committees which have a membership on the present Council were invited as Special Invitee to this Emergent Council meeting. Prof. P.K. Garg, Vice Chancellor,

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Uttarakhand Technical University, Prof. V.K. Gaikar, Vice Chancellor, BATU Lonere and Prof. K. Pathak, HOD, Dept of Mining Engineering, IIT-Kharagpur attended the meeting, However, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai could not attend the meeting as Special Invitee.

Prof. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman-AICTE welcomed all the members to the 52nd Emergent Council meeting. He also welcomed and introduced Special Invitees to the meeting who are proposed to be Chairman of the re-constituted Regional Committees of AICTE and have membership in the present Council. He apprised all the members about the recent achievements of AICTE as follows:

- 1. There has been around 60% reporting i.e.1884/3340 in U.G. programmes and 430/705 (70%) in Diploma lateral entry under Prime Minister Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS). The immense efforts and whole-hearted involvement by AICTE and its officials in PMSSS for counselling held in Srinagar, Jammu and Ladakh and several awareness workshops for J&K students, has led to overwhelming positive response from J&K students.
- 2. Rs. 75 crores grant has been sanctioned under AICTE Quality Improvement Schemes (AQIS) Scheme to technical colleges.
- 3. ASHRAE supported 2 Faculty Development programmes (FDP), under AQIS, have already been conducted and one programme is scheduled to be organised next month. In addition to this ISTE has completed 109 programmes out of total 134 sanctioned in self-financing mode. Also, under UKIERI Phase-II two workshops on Leadership for 100 faculty members have been held successfully.
- 4. Unique Student Induction programme of 3 weeks duration is being launched. As a part of this initiative, five one day Induction programme workshops were conducted in different regions for sensitizing Heads of Organizations to train teachers for induction of students. Three 5-day workshops were also conducted for faculty of technical institutions in this regard.
- 5. 10-Point quality enhancement of technical graduates' initiative has been initialised except exam reforms. AICTE has tied up with MSME for improving the M. Tech thesis work of 500 students as a pilot project.
- 6. Justice Krishna Committee has agreed to start its work in October, 2017, to finalize minimum and maximum fee limits.
- 7. 21 proposals have been identified for rural development under Unnat Bharat Scheme funded by AICTE during a one day workshop at AICTE Head Office. Under this scheme 5 villages of Uttar Pradesh have been visited with the students of nearby AICTE approved institutions for their development.
- 276780 students from 1679 institutions have registered under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) this year. Disbursal of Funds under PMKVY Scheme, Expected Date of Completion 31st August, 2017.
- 9. Indigenous MOOCs platform SWAYAM was launched on 9th July 2017 by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the then President of India where total 500 courses have been uploaded out of which 29 have already started as credit course. On this portal 1.5 lac students are enrolled. Dr. M. S. Manna's contribution was recognized by the President of India as Director SWAYAM from AICTE. In addition to this, AICTE has been designated as one of the national coordinators for technical subjects, especially from private institutions, Universities and technical teachers training.

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- 10. For Swaccha Campus Award 2017, entries are being invited. Winners will be announced on October 2, 2017. Entries for "Vishwakarma Vidyarthi Award, 2017" are being invited.
- 11. Signing of various MoUs with different Organizations in enhancing the quality of technical education in the country by paving smoother path for students and faculty in different areas especially for supporting internship, employability and entrepreneurship.

The members applauded vast achievements and initiatives of AICTE towards national integration and overall improvement in technical education in the country under the visionary leadership of Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe. The members also congratulated for his extension as Chairman, AICTE upto 16th July 2018.

Thereafter, formal Agenda Items were taken up and the following matters were considered, deliberated upon and decisions taken are as under:

Item No. 52.01.01

To consider and approve the recommendations of the 7th Pay Review Committee of AICTE.

Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman briefed the members about constitution of the 7th Pay Review Committee (PRC) who had taken into account concerning issues of stakeholders before preparing its report and submitting to AICTE. Prof. A.P. Mittal, Member Secretary made a presentation on the highlights of the recommendations made by 7th PRC. The Council deliberated on various aspects of the recommendations made. While most of the recommendations were appreciated and approved by the Council, some members raised queries and wanted to place their suggestions on the recommendations of 7th PRC, in particular about alignment with UGC Pay Committee recommendations. It was decided that members may e-mail their suggestions, inputs to the Member Secretary within 3 days and the same will be placed before the Pay Review Committee for its consideration and deliberations in 10 days time. The 7th PRC may then suitably incorporate the points raised in the recommendations which will be circulated among the members for ratification and onward transmittal to MHRD.

Item No. 52.01.02

To consider and approve the matter of review of norms regarding land/built up area for technical institutions in Mega/Metro cities.

The Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted to examine the issues on review of norms regarding land/built up area for technical institutions in Mega/Metro cities. The Council further resolved that apart from confirming to norms as per APH, the upcoming buildings should also confirm to the standards in a) Water Harvesting, b) Solar Energy Utilization, c) Energy Efficiency norms and d) Green Building standards, if it is not mandated in the building bye-laws.

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Item No. 52.01.03

To consider and approve 1st Amendment in All India Council for Technical Education [National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM)] Regulation, 2017.

The Council approved the proposed amendment in All India Council for Technical Education [National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM)] Regulation, 2017. The amendments may be notified after Legal vetting is done. The Council recommended that the Startup company should be setup under section 8 of Company Act, 2013 and must be recognized by Department of Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as a startup.

Item No. 52.01.04

To Consider and Approve the proposal for migration of existing applications & web portals and their up-gradation to new environment including converting them to open UI platform.

The Council deliberated and approved the proposal for migration of existing applications and web portals and their up-gradation to new environment including converting them to open UI platform and also approved the proposed estimated cost of Rs. 3.08 Crores involved in this process.

Any other Item with the permission of the Chair:

Item No. 52.01.05

To consider the matter regarding OM dated 06-12-2012 issued by MHRD regarding recognition of technical courses conducted by Professional Societies / bodies and AICTE's recommendation thereof.

The Council was apprised about the OM dated 06-12-2012 issued by MHRD regarding conducting and recognition of technical education courses conducted by various Professional Societies / bodies in the country and its recognition. It was informed that initially `Ghosh Committee' was constituted to look into the aspects involved in post 2013 as per OM dated 06-12-2012 of MHRD and thereafter another Committee headed by Prof. R. Natarajan looked into the matter. The Council was also apprised about the large number of litigations on the validity of courses and their equivalence on issuance of the OM by MHRD.

The Council after due deliberations in the matter decided that prior to the 31-05-2013 as mentioned in the aforesaid Notification of 06-12-2012, all such equivalences already

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issued in the past may be recognized for all purposes (higher education and jobs) and this may be informed to MHRD. Further, the Council also decided that the Committee looking into the matter may devise parameters and processes to take up the recognition of all professional societies individually regarding post 31-05-2013 scenario in respect of all such professional societies/bodies conducting technical education courses or conducting examinations and are affected by the MHRD's OM dated 06-12-2012.

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. A.P. Mittal) Member Secretary

(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe) Chairman

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