

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

Minutes of the 58th meeting of the Council held on April 26th, 2019 at 11.30 am onwards in the Bhaskara Meeting Room, First 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.	Dr. S.S. Sandhu Additional Secretary (HE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Member
4.	Prof. Sunil Kumar (Chairman, CRC, AICTE) Vice Chancellor, RGPV, Bhopal	Member
5.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur	Member
6.	Prof. Pushplata, (Chairman, AIB – Architecture) IIT, Roorkee	Member
7.	Prof. Satish Chand, (Chairman, AIB – IT Education) JNU, New Delhi	Member
8.	Shri Amrit Pal Singh Deputy Director, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
9.	Shri Anand Sherkhare Addl. Development Commissioner Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Nominee, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
10.	Shri Saju Vaheed A., Director (HE), Govt of Tripura	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura
11.	Dr. Saroj Kumar Secretary (TE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Member
12.	Ms. K. Damayanti Principal Secretary Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
13.	Shri Sanjay Bengia Dy. Director (TE) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh	Nominee, Secretary, (HE), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
14.	Dr. Rajesh Pankaj Joint Director (HE) FICCI, New Delhi	Nominee, Ms. Shobha Mishra Ghosh, Asst. Secretary General, FICCI

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15.	Dr. Ganesh Singh, Professor, All India Management Association (AIMA) New Delhi	Nominee of Sh. T. Mohandas Pai, former-President, All India Management Association (AIMA), New Delhi
16.	Prof. Vijay D. Vaidya Executive Secretary, Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) New Delhi	Member
17.	Prof. Sandeep Sancheti President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi	Member
18.	Ms. Archana Mudgal Registrar-cum-Secretary Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi	Nominee, President, Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi
19.	Ar. Vijay Garg Acting President, Council of Architecture, New Delhi	Representative, CoA, New Delhi
20.	Shri N.K. Chanji Director & EO to Director General, NPC	Nominee of Director General, National Productivity Council
21.	Shri Kushal Saha Secretary General, Indian Institute of Metals	Nominee, President Indian Institute of Metals Kolkata
22.	Prof. (Dr.) K.T.V. Reddy President, Institute of Electronics and Communication, New Delhi	Member
23.	Prof. S.V. Satyanarayana President, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Kolkatta	Member
24.	Dr. K. Balveera Reddy, Former Vice Chancellor, VTU, Karnataka	Member
25.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary University Grants Commission, New Delhi	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
26.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Secretary (HE), MHRD, New Delhi; Prof. A. Venu Gopal Reddy, Chairman, SCRC-AICTE; Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chairman, SWRC, AICTE; Prof.(Dr.) Sandeep Kulshreshta, Chairman, AIB-HTM; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP; Dr. N. R. Sheth, Chairman, AIB-Pharma. Education; Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MHRD; Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology; Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Telangana; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Utrakhand; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of West Bengal; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Smt. Shalini Sharma, Confederation of Indian Industry; Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Vice President, NASSCOM; Director, IAMR; Director, ICAR; Director, CSIR, New Delhi could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 58th meeting of the Council.




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

Item No. 58.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Council held on April 08, 2019.

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 57th meeting of the Council held on April 08, 2019.

Item No. 58.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 57th meeting of the Council held on April 08, 2019.

The Council received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 57th meeting of the Council held on April 08, 2019.

Item No. 58.03.01 : To receive the information on the minutes of the Executive Committee (EC) meetings held since last reported in the Council meeting held on April 08, 2019.

The Council received the information.

Item No. 58.04.01 : To consider and approve grant of LOI/LOA/LOR (as applicable) to Institutions based on the recommendations of the Standing Appellate Committees and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received for A.Y 2019-20 under Chapter I of APH 2019-20 for:

- a. Setting up a new Technical Institution offering a Technical Programme in Engineering and Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture and Planning, Applied Arts, Crafts and Design, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, MCA and Management at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/ Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Level.
- b. Change of Site/ Location of the Institution
- c. Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-ed Institution and vice-versa
- d. Conversion of Diploma Level into Degree Level and vice-versa
- e. To start new Programme (s)/ Level(s) in the existing Institution

(Approval Bureau)

The Council deliberated and approved the recommendations of the Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) in respect of applications received for AY 2019-20 under Chapter-I of APH 2019-20 under all categories as per Annexure 58.04.01 of the agenda.

Item No. 58.04.02 : To consider and approve the recommendations of Scrutiny Committees/ Standing Appellate Committees (SAC) for grant of approval under various categories in Chapter II of APH 2019-20 through single application form received from existing technical Institutions for the A.Y 2019-20:

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- a. Extension of Approval to the existing Institutions/ Continuation of approval after a break in the preceding Academic Year(s)/ Restoration of Intake.
- b. Extended EoA
- c. Increase in Intake/ Additional Course(s)
- d. Introduction of Integrated/ Dual Degree Course
- e. To start Diploma in Degree Pharmacy Institutions and vice-versa
- f. Merger of Institutions under the same Trust/ Society/ Company operating in the same Campus
- g. Closure of the Institution
- h. Conversion of Management Institutions running PGDM Course into MBA Course
- i. Conversion of Second Shift Course(s) into First Shift Course(s)
- j. Closing of MBA Programme and Introduction of MCA Programme and vice-versa
- k. Introduction/ Continuation of Fellowship Programme in Management
- l. Introduction/ Continuation of supernumerary seats for Foreign Nationals/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/ Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/ Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries
- m. Introduction of Non-Resident Indian(s) seats
- n. Change in the Name of the Course(s)/ Merger of the Courses/ Reduction in Intake/ Closure of Programme(s)/ Course(s)/ Merger of Lateral Entry Separate Division in Second Year Engineering and Technology/ MCA to First Year Regular Courses
- o. Change in the Name of the Institution or affiliating University/Board
- p. Change in the Name of the Bank
- q. Change in the Name of the Trust/ Society/ Company

(Approval Bureau)

The Council deliberated and approved the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committees/ Standing Appellate Committees (SAC) for grant of approval under various categories in Chapter II of APH 2019-20 through single application form received from existing technical Institutions for the A.Y 2019-20 under all categories as per Annexure 58.04.02 of the agenda.

Item No. 58.04.03

: To consider and approve the decision of AICTE in the cases of Government Institutions.

(Approval Bureau)

The Council deliberated and approved the recommendations of the Moderation Committee on the basis of quantum of compliance of the existing deficiencies and/or undertakings received from state governments, on issuing EoA or EoA with punitive action to 1324 nos. of Government institutions in the country. The Council also decided that the compliance from state/UT governments be obtained before 31st December 2019. It was also decided that if the State/UT Government decides to start and run the submission scheme colleges in such institutes awarded with penalty, sanctioned intake in submission scheme would be only half a division till the new institute is shifted to its final destination.



Item No. 58.04.04

To consider and deliberate on the letter of University Grants Commission (UGC) regarding offering of MBA/MCA/Travel Tourism programs through online mode, by Higher Education Institutions.

The Council was apprised about the UGC letter dated 25th April, 2019 regarding the proposals that have been received from Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) by UGC under UGC (Online Courses or Programs) Regulations 2018. The UGC has sought comments of AICTE on offering courses in MBA/MCA/Travel & Tourism and other technical programs, if any, through online mode by the HEIs.

The Council deliberated on the matter and decided that like ODL programs, online programs in MBA/MCA/Travel & Tourism may be permitted by UGC by ensuring the following from HEIs:

- a) The Eligibility Criteria for admission and process of admission should be on the line of ODL courses;
- b) Availability of good quality course content/ regular updation of course content for a rich learning experience of the candidates enrolled;
- c) Availability of reputed Experts of respective disciplines for online interaction or through Skype or any other digital medium, for clarifications/ clearing of doubts of candidates enrolled in online course;
- d) Arrangement of regular assignment to enrolled candidates and their online evaluation/ feedback;
- e) The Examination system should be proctored to ensure fairness and transparency.

Further, the Council reiterated the decision of AICTE that any technical program involving laboratory/practical classes cannot be offered in ODL mode and therefore the same cannot be allowed in online mode also. UGC representative clarified that such programs are already prohibited in the UGC online regulations.

The Council was of the view that since there is a very thin line of distinction between the course conducted under ODL mode and Online mode, therefore Council suggested that UGC may amalgamate its ODL and online regulations and bring out single regulation, as the technological advancement has given impetus to online mode of studies aiming for a life-long learning process.

Item No. 58.04.05

To consider and deliberate on the letter of IGNOU received through MHRD regarding recognition of B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration (HH & A).

The Council deliberated on the IGNOU's request letter dated 18th April to MHRD for reviewing the decision of UGC regarding



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withdrawal of recognition of B.Sc. 3-year degree program in Hospitality and Hotel Administration (H&HA) being conducted by IGNOU through ODL mode in collaboration with NCHMCT since 2002-03 for AICTE comments. UGC vide its letter dated April 01, 2019 has not permitted the continuation of B. Sc. in H & HA through ODL mode citing AICTE's letter dated 30-01-2019 that it has been the policy of AICTE not to recognize the qualifications acquired through open and distance learning education mode at Diploma, Bachelor's and Master's level in the fields of Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Town planning, Pharmacy etc. except MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism. The Hotel Management program involves extensive practical component, hence AICTE is of the opinion that the courses in Hotel Management may not be allowed in ODL mode.

The Council deliberated at length on the matter and noted that since 3-year BBA/ BCA and B.Sc. in Hospitality & Hotel Administration (H&HA) programs are in the purview of UGC and as such AICTE is not according approval to these programs. However as per its policy, AICTE is according approval only to MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism programs through ODL Mode which don't involve practical component. As per IGNOU Letter, B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration program being conducted by IGNOU in collaboration with NCHMCT is in blended mode. IGNOU has also informed that skill components of the programme are imparted through 66 IHMs under NCHMCT and knowledge components are imparted by IGNOU.

In view of the above, UGC may ascertain claims of IGNOU through a committee of experts and take an appropriate decision.

Item No. 58.04.06

To consider and decide the manner by which the interest accrued on Joint Fixed Deposit created in the AY 2010-11 can be recovered from the Institutions.

The Council noted that as per APH 2010, the interest accrued on the joint FDR created during the AY 2010-11, the interest part shall go to the AICTE's account and the principal amount be returned to the Institute on its maturity. The Council deliberated on the matter and decided that the refund of interest amount inadvertently released by AICTE to the institutions against the joint FDR created in 2010-11 can be recovered by AICTE either in lump-sum or in installments.

Item No. 58.04.07

To consider and decide grant of LoA to Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Baddi, Himachal Pradesh for A. Y. 2019-20 at Rented Building / Temporary Site for one year.

The Council was informed that Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) is a Central Government funded institution under Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers. There are no specialised institutes in this domain, while there are large number of employment opportunities. A letter from

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CIPET, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh has been received for grant of LoA for A. Y. 2019-20 at rented building / temporary site for one year.

The Council deliberated and approved granting LoA to CIPET, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh for A. Y. 2019-20 at rented building / temporary site for one year. The Council further decided that, in case similar request from CIPET is received for other locations, the same decision shall apply to them also.

Item No. 58.05.01

To ratify the decision of the Competent Authority in the modification of procedure from APH 2019-20 to ease the process of approval due to time constraint.

The Council ratified the matter.

Item No. 58.05.02

To ratify the request of Indian Naval Academy, Kerala for EOA for Mechanical Engineering and adjustment of seats between ECE and AEC.

The Council ratified the matter.

The Council appreciated Dr. Usha Natesan, Adviser-I, Dr. R. Hariharan, Adviser-II, Dr. N.H.S. Swamy, Director, all Regional Officers of AICTE and the entire team of Approval Bureau & E-governance Cell for completing the approval related task of 2019-20 in the stipulated time. The Council congratulated the untiring efforts of all.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. A.P. Mittal)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman