



BABA GHULAM SHAH BADSHAH UNIVERSITY

RAJOURI (J&K)

School of Engineering & Technology

Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Board of Governors

held on

November 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM

at

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The second meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the School of Engineering & Technology held on November 9, 2018 at 10:30 am in the Conference Room of Hotel Lords Inn, B.C. Road, Jammu.

The following were present:

1. **Prof. Javed Musarrat**, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU – In the Chair
2. **Prof. Ashok Aima**, Vice Chancellor, Central University, Jammu
3. **Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir**, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Kashmir
4. **Prof. Hamid Ali**, Chairman, Department of Petroleum Sciences, AMU & Ex- Dean, Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh
5. **Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg**, Professor, Department of Computer Engineering and Principal, Zakir Hussain College of Engineering & Technology, AMU
6. **Prof. Mohammed Asger**, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, BGSBU, Rajouri
7. **Prof. Naseem Ahmed**, Dean, School of Management Studies, BGSBU, Rajouri
8. **Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Raina**, State Govt. Nominee, Principal, Govt. Degree College, Thanamandi, Rajouri
9. **Mr. Vishal Puri**, HoD, Electronics & Communication Engineering, BGSBU, Rajouri
10. **Prof. Iqbal Parwez**, Dean Academic Affairs and Coordinator, TEQIP-III BGSBU, Rajouri, Convener.

Prof. Abdul Khaliq and **Prof. I. M. Mishra** regretted their inability to attend the BoG meeting due to their prior engagements.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to this 2nd Board of Governors meeting and thanked them all for sparing their valuable time to attend this meeting despite their heavy engagements. He extended special welcome to Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Kashmir, Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg, AMU, Aligarh and Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Raina, Principal, GDC, Thannamandi, Rajouri (State representative) who attended the BoG meeting for the first time. The Vice Chancellor put on record his appreciation for the kind help and guidance which is being extended by the Mentor Institution i.e. Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh for the smooth running of the TEQIP III programme at BGSBU. He informed the members that during its nearly 11 months of existence, the TEQIP programme at BGSBU

has done reasonably well which is evident from highly satisfactory Performance Audit Report, Mentor Report and External Financial Audit Report conducted under the directives of NPIU/JK SPIU. He, further, informed the members that based on Performance Audit, TEQIP III programme at BGSBU has been awarded 1.8 grade which has put BGSBU TEQIP programme among top twenty well-performing institutions out of a total 83 institutions under 1.1. category. The house was also informed that NPIU and World Bank awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Coordinator TEQIP-III for successful implementation of TEQIP III programme at BGSBU. All the members complimented the Vice-Chancellor and Coordinator TEQIP for such sterling performance and hoped that such efforts will continue with the same zeal and enthusiasm.

The Coordinator, TEQIP stated that such notable performance has been possible due to concerted efforts of highly dedicated and competent TEQIP III team of Nodal Officers and other functionaries. He assured the members that there will be no let-down in the performance. Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor asked the Coordinator TEQIP to take up the items of agenda.

The Coordinator, in his brief introduction, welcomed all the members again particularly those who were attending this BoG meeting for the first time and expressed his satisfaction for having successfully gone through the three important performance monitoring tests as elaborated by the Vice Chancellor which could be possible with active guidance by the mentor institution i.e. Z.H. College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh. He informed the members that, taking cue from the remarks of the Performance Auditor, Prof. Ravi Kumar, the Twinning Activities of Mentor and Mentee institutions are going on with full swing. The members were informed that as per BoG guidelines, four BoG meetings per year and one in each quarter is mandatory. Hence, the frequency of the BoG meetings to conform to NPIU norms will have to be increased. Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg suggested that in a University step-up like BGSBU even Academic Council meetings can be counted for determining the frequency of BoG meetings.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of 1st meeting of Board of Governors held on January 19, 2018

The BoG was apprised that the minutes of the previous meeting held on January 19, 2018 were circulated to all the members through email dated March 31, 2018 with the request to send observations, if any regarding the veracity of the minutes within a week time of the dispatch of the mail. Since no observations were received, it was proposed that the aforesaid minutes be confirmed.

The BoG unanimously confirmed the minutes of the BoG meeting held on January 19, 2017 (Minutes already circulated).

Item No.2: Action taken report on the basis of minutes of 1st meeting of Board of Governors

The members were informed that the suggestions given in the BoG meeting held on January 19, 2018 have been implemented.

The Coordinator, TEQIP-III expressed his gratitude to all the members particularly **Prof. Ashok Aima, Prof. Abdul Khaliq and Prof. I.M. Mishra** for very constructive suggestions given in the meeting of the BoG held on January 19, 2018. He further informed that all such suggestions have been implemented and notable among those are:

The following Industrial Consultancy Cell, has been constituted

- (i) Mr. Malik Mubasher Hassan, A.P., ITE
 - (ii) Mr. Khalil Ahmed, A.P., CSE
 - (iii) Mr. Vishal Puri, A.P. ECE
 - (iv) Mr. Ahmed Riyaz, A.P., ERE
- The first meeting of Industrial Consultation Committee (ICC) of the School of Engineering & Technology with the delegates from ANA Design Studio Pvt. Ltd. was held on 27th July 2018 at 11:00 am and the minutes of the said meeting are enclosed as Annexure – II of the agenda of this meeting.
 - The courses through MOOCs/SWAYAM have been started and till date 596 students and 47 Faculty members have registered for various on-line courses under MOOCs/SWAYAM for certification.

Prof. Ashok Aima informed the house that his faculty members at Central University of Jammu upload their lectures in Education and Science to give independent access to learners to supplement their class room learning and he promised to extend whatever help is required by BGSBU in this regard. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Javed Musarrat thanked Prof. Ashok Aima for helping BGSBU in various capacities. He also requested Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir to explore areas of mutual collaboration which may benefit both the institutions.

- Various items under Procurement Plan as approved by BoG members in the meeting dated 19th January 2018 have already been procured and process for remaining equipments/items is under way and will be

completed in due course of time. The details regarding various purchases are provided under Agenda item no. 7 of this meeting.

- Various academic activities as proposed in Action Plan of different quarters are being carried out regularly and details regarding these are provided at agenda item no. 13 of this meeting.
- As Mr. Mir Aijaz, Nodal Officer (Procurement) joined Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora, Kashmir, Mr. Manmeet Singh, AP, Department of IT Engineering, and Mr. Ameer Ullah Ganai, AP, Civil Engg. Department has been appointed as Nodal and Co-Nodal Officer (Procurement).
- The Start-up Cell has been established. Since, Mr. Nikhil Gupta, the Coordinator, Start-up Cell has proceeded on leave for Ph.D. programme, Ms. Farkhanda Ana has been appointed as the new Coordinator for the Start-up Cell.

Following activities have been performed by the Start-up Cell:

1. Organized an event named '**Entrepreneurs Talk**' on Monday, March 19, 2018 based on the lectures of the CEOs of three companies namely, Mr. Ankush Sabharwal, COROVER, Bangalore, Mr. Shahid Ansari from Startup Kashmir and Mr. Giridhar Giriraju, founder Venusgeo Solutions Hyderabad. Mr. Ankush Sabharwal also announced a sponsored project of Rs. 10 lakh for students of BGSBU.
2. A "**Motivational talk and student interaction on Start-up**" was organized on 25th October 18.
3. Recently, the Start-up Cell under TEQIP III programme launched a "**Think an Idea**" Contest on 10th October, 2018 for the students of Engineering, Management studies, Sciences and Polytechnic. The objective of the contest was to encourage the students to express their ideas and then identify the innovation potential of the students. The selected innovative ideas from the contest are proposed to be incubated by the Start-up Cell and Institution Innovation Council (recently granted by MHRD). The Start-up Cell received an overwhelming response of around 100 ideas which will now be screened by an Internal Committee followed by an Expert Committee.

Prof. Ashok Aima informed the house that Central University of Jammu has been selected to establish Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) to coordinate with MHRD and Central University of Jammu also

has a Business incubation Centre. He invited members of BGSBU to avail this existing facility with some comprehensive Action Plan. The Chairman of the BoG informed the house that BGSBU has also been chosen by MHRD to establish Institutional Innovation Council (IIC). Further, Startup Cell and Tinkering Labs have also been established at BGSBU. Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir mentioned about the establishment of Design Innovation Centre (DIC) at Central University of Kashmir with a total outlay of Rs. 20 crore and extended invitation to BGSBU faculty to participate in various on-going programmes under this DIC scheme. He, also, proposed that one such programme under this scheme can also be organized at Rajouri. The Vice Chancellor, BGSBU appreciated the initiative taken by Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir and thanked him for generously inviting BGSBU faculty for such hand-holding exercise for Academic & Technical programmes.

- **MOOCs/SWAYAM** courses, have been implemented by the Institution. As per the new syllabi, at least 2 credit course(s) must be cleared by each student through MOOCs/SWAYAM.
- Under the **Internship Programme of students** with industries, provision has been made in the course curriculum to incorporate two industrial training as against one industrial training needed earlier. Industrial training was given to all the students (217 no. of students) for 4 to 8 weeks duration and it has been incorporated as the mandatory part of the syllabus. This year students have been sent for industry internship during summer vacations under TEQIP-III funding. Also, GATE fee of 226 students will be reimbursed through TEQIP-III fund.
- The University has already instituted the “**Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award**” in Science & Engineering and Arts & Social Sciences streams separately and “**Best Innovator Award**” and “**Budding Innovation Award**” for teachers & students respectively. The awards are conferred on Foundation Day i.e. December 15 every year and the same practice will also be followed this year. This is in addition to other awards instituted for other disciplines and activities.
- As per the guidelines of TEQIP-III PhD fee of 21 faculty members was reimbursed.

Professor Aima appreciated this initiative taken by BGSBU under TEQIP and mentioned that, in his university, he has selected the persons of eminence from all across the country and associated them as Co-Supervisor to enhance the quality research. He suggested that a

similar model may be followed at BGSBU to promote excellence in research.

The members lauded the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor and his team for all on-going programmes of SoET and augmentation of its infrastructural facilities. The members noted and approved the above actions.

Item No.3: To report and approve Action Plan of Quarter-5 (April-June 2018), Quarter-6 (July-September 2018), Quarter-7 (October-December 2018) of TEQIP-III Project.

The Coordinator TEQIP informed the house that the BoG has, in its earlier meeting held on January 19, 2018, approved the Action Plan of the three past quarters i.e. Quarter-2 (July - September 2017), Quarter-3 (October - December 2017) and Quarter-4 (January - March 2018).

Now the Action Plan for three next quarters needs to be approved. These are: Quarter - 5 (April - June 2018), Quarter - 6 (July - September 2018) and Quarter - 7 (October - December 2018). The house was also informed that as per the TEQIP guidelines, all the expenditure is incurred under three major heads i.e. (i) Procurement (ii) Academics and (iii) Incremental Operating Cost (IOP) with several sub heads under each major Head. The Coordinator informed that no funds have been released by NIPU since September 2018 and it had been advised that the TEQIP may take temporary loan from the host Institution in order to meet out important expenditure due to non-availability of funds. *The Vice Chancellor, BGSBU assured to extend all possible help to tide over the present crisis. Prof. Sufyan Beg appraised the house that as per the provision of TEQIP III, 10% funds out of the Registration Fee of the Conferences/ Workshop/ Symposia held under TEQIP III programme are transferred to the TEQIP corpus and the funds thus generated can be used to mitigate the present crisis of lack of funds. He informed that ZH College of Engineering & Technology, AMU has so far accumulated 30 lacs of rupees under this head. The Coordinator TEQIP briefed the house that BGSBU being a young institution and TEQIP programme implemented recently, no substantial funds have been accumulated under this head so far.*

The BoG approved the Action Plans for the three preceding Quarters ending December 2018 as detailed above.

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Item No.4: To seek approval for refilling the post of Head Assistant and to report the appointments of Account Assistant and General Duty Helper under TEQIP-III Project

The earlier BoG held on January 19, 2018, approved the appointments of the following TEQIP personnel:

1. Mr. Haseeb Ahmed Khateeb as Head Assistant
2. Mr. Waseem Ahmed Bhat as Account Assistant
3. Mr. M Basit Magrey as Assistant (Admin)

However, Mr. Waseem Ahmed Bhat, Account Assistant left and his post became vacant. Subsequently, the above post was filled up through re-advertisement and the following personnel were appointed:

1. Mr. Manjeet Kumar as Account Assistant
2. Ms. Azra Kouser as GDH

Now, Mr. Haseeb Ahmed Khateeb who was appointed as Head Assistant has been selected on a permanent Govt. job. Hence, this vacancy has been advertised and needs to be filled. Further, in view of the increasing work load, it is proposed to appoint one more GDH.

Members approved the appointment of Mr. Manjeet Kumar and Ms. Azra Kouser as Account Assistant and GDH and granted approval for the appointment of one Head Assistant and one more GDH.

Item No.5: To report and approve the constitution of Industrial Consultancy Cell and appointment of various Coordinators

The details regarding the constitution of various Committees and appointment of various Coordinators made till date are as follows:

A. Industrial Consultancy Cell:

As suggested by members to establish Industrial Consultancy Cell, same has been constituted.

B. Coordinators for various programmes:

- i. **Mr. Pervez Alam**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engg. Department has been appointed as **Environmental Coordinator (e-Coordinator)**.

- ii. **Mr. Haider Mehraj**, Assistant Professor, ECE Department has been appointed as **GATE Coordinator**.
- iii. **Mr. Malik Mubasher Hassan**, A.P, ITE and **Dr. Farhad Ilahi Bakhsh**, A.P, ERE have been appointed as **NBA Coordinator and MOOCs Coordinator**, respectively.
- iv. **Mr. Ahmed Riyaz**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Renewable Energy Engg. Department has been appointed as **Equity Action Plan (EAP) Coordinator**.
- v. **Mr. Pervez Alam**, Assistant Professor, Civil Engg. Department has been appointed as **UGC-SWAYAM Coordinator**.

Item No.6: To report and approve the revision of syllabi for Semester I & II as per AICTE model curriculum

The TEQIP Coordinator informed that the syllabus revision is done by the Board of studies of each Department which is ultimately approved by the Academic Council.

On the query of Prof. Aima, he was informed that syllabi are designed on the basis of outcome based learning programme and course objectives keeping the mandatory participation of experts from the industry to incorporate their input into the syllabus.

Members approved the revision of syllabi for Semester I & II which is based on AICTE model curriculum.

Item No.7: To report and approve Purchase Orders and items procured till date under TEQIP-III

The members were informed that items worth Rs. 2,76,10,387/- have been procured until November 9, 2018 and further expenditure of Rs. 2,52,06,750/- is already committed for various items of equipment and other related expenditure. Hence, the utilization of funds has been fairly satisfactory based on the expenditure incurred so far. The Coordinator informed the members that timely utilization of the funds conforming to the laid down procedure is one of the performance indicators and to that effect, the TEQIP team has done a good job.

The members approved the incurred expenditure and committed so far. The members also appreciated the timely utilization of funds and complimented the TEQIP Team for achieving this target.

Item No.8: To apprise the status of Performance Audit

The Coordinator informed the house that as per mandatory requirement communicated by NIPU, the Performance Audit of SoET was carried by Prof. Ravi Kumar (BMS Engineering College, Bangalore) from 16th to 18th August 2018. The auditor carried out an extensive audit exercise based on the elaborate parameters and guidelines given by NIPU/MHRD with World Bank inputs and recorded his satisfaction with the overall progress of the TEQIP-III programme of BGSBU and suggested some of the measures to be incorporated as future course of action:

1. Proper records / attendance / minutes of meetings / feedbacks should be recorded for all academic activities.
2. More academic and personality building activities for students should be organized.
3. Mentors (ZHCET, AMU) should play more proactive role.

The duly vetted Performance Audit report of eighty five 1.1 Institutions has been released by NIPU where SOET, BGSBU has been awarded 1.8 grade points which places this Institution amongst top 20 out of the total eighty five 1.1. institutions. The BGSBU could manage to get this good ranking despite the inherent problem of lack of senior faculties in each engineering department which is also adversely affecting its NBA accreditation efforts. In recognition to BGSBU good ranking, the NIPU has sent an appreciation certificate recognizing the significant contribution made by Coordinator TEQIP in successful implementation of the TEQIP III Programme at BGSBU.

Prof. Sufyan Beg explained the reverse grading system in Performance Audit where 1 is maximum grade and 3 is minimum hence 1.8 grade is more towards 1 rather than 3. The Coordinator informed the members that it is fool-Proof evidence-based system with hardly any scope for subjectivity and hence it judges the real performance of the Institution.

Members lauded the efforts of the Coordinator TEQIP-III and his team for getting good grades in Performance Audit and hoped that next Performance Audit will fetch even better grades.

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Item No.9: To report the conduction of Induction Programme for B.Tech. 1st Year Students

The members of BoG were informed that a three-week mandatory Induction Programme for 1st semester students is incorporated under the revised Curriculum of Engineering & Technology which is to be conducted right at the commencement of the first year classes. The purpose of Induction Program is to make the students feel comfortable in their new environment and to get acquainted with work ethos and proficiency in languages and basic courses. The program was very successful and included interaction with external experts, faculty members, visit to various departments & facilities including local sightseeing. It was noted that 100% attendance was achieved in Induction program conducted under the overall supervision of designated Programme Mentors.

Prof. Sufyan Beg appreciated the efforts of the TEQUP team for conducting such successful programme and remarked that to ensure 100% attendance of the students is indeed praise-worthy.

The BoG members appreciated and approved the conduction of such elaborate Induction Programme for B.Tech. 1st Year Students of three-week's duration.

Item No.10: To report the Twinning activities with ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh

The Coordinator informed the house that under the laid down guidelines, BGSBU is 1.1. category institution meaning thereby that it is an institution which has been, for the first time, approved for funding under TEQIP III programme and is termed 'Mentee Institution'. The BGSBU is supposed to be under the mentorship of an old institution, termed 1.3 category which, with its prior experience of running TEQIP programme, is required to mentor the 1.1 category institution through its Twinning Activities. In the instant case, the BGSBU is the mentee and ZH College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh is the mentor institution.

It was mentioned that the twinning activity between the aforesaid two institutions remained somewhat on low key last year. However, this year, these activities have been initiated in a big way based on a well-conceived 'long-term' and short-term' activity charts. The details of on-going and proposed activities have been elaborated on the Table given under the agenda items. The Coordinator thanked the BGSBU mentor institution for extending whole hearted support in augmenting twinning activities in compliance to NPIU / World Bank TEQIP III guidelines.

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Under the aforesaid Twinning Programme, Prof. S. Javed Arif from ZH College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh conducted Workshop on training the Technical Staff of BGSBU Engineering College to undertake repair of various electronic gadgets such as Computer Systems, UPS, CRO's which was all done by BGSBU Technical Staff under the watchful guidance of Prof. S. Javed Arif. In this process, equipment worth Rs. 15 lacs were repaired. Prof. S. Javed Arif awarded prizes to the selected best performers. The house put on record its great appreciation to Prof. S. Javed Arif who played such an important role in this capacity building exercise. It was hoped that such skill-imparting activities will be a regular feature of the institution under TEQIP III programme.

The house approved the wide range of Twinning Activities between mentor (ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh) and mentee Institutions (BGSBU) and complimented Prof. S. Javed Arif for his capacity Building exercise.

Item No.11: To approve the conduction of Employability Test & Employability Skill Training Programme

The members were informed that School of Engineering & Technology has conducted Employability Test of all B.Tech. students totaling 931 nos. to assess their Employability Skills so that proper follow-up measures may be taken in this regard. The NPIU/MHRD has empanelled M/S Aspiring Minds Assessment Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana for conduction of this test which was held at BGSBU from 10th to 16th Oct.' 2018

Subsequent to this, Employability Skill Training Programme has now been finalized for B.Tech. (Final Year) students so as to make them more employable. The NPIU/MHRD has empanelled four vendors for conducting this training programme. Following the NPIU guidelines, the vendor based on L-1 quotation will be chosen and the Employability Skill Training Programme is likely to commence in the month of February 2019.

The BoG approved the conduction of Employability Test and authorized the Coordinator, TEQIP to select the vendor out of the four empanelled vendor of NIPU based on the L-1 quotation.

Item No.12: To report the status of GATE Coaching

The Coordinator TEQIP informed the BoG members that the GATE qualification is now becoming mandatory for entry into PSUs/Govt. sector units in addition to PG admission. Hence, the University has made it

compulsory to register all eligible 239 students to appear for GATE examination for which the fee will be reimbursed by the University through TEQIP-III to appear for GATE examination. During AY 2017-2018, training for GATE was provided to all students by making provision for GATE classes in the time-table by in-house faculty. No expenditure was incurred in this exercise.

The NPIU has made special provision to conduct GATE coaching through one of the empanelled vendors chosen by NPIU for this purpose which were to be decided by the Institution on the basis of lowest quotation. However, the vendor thus chosen, was not willing to conform to available specified schedule and did not even share his faculty details. In this connection, the matter was brought to the knowledge of CPA, NPIU and also to **Dr. Rita Goel**, Sr. Consultant at NPIU expressing our concerns about the fruitful outcome of this programme. Following this, new guidelines were received from NPIU and based on that a new vendor has been chosen who will commence the GATE coaching w.e.f. November 15, 2018 for total period of 200 hours.

The members approved the aforesaid activities relating to initiation of GATE Coaching and wished that many students may qualify the GATE Test in order to improve their career prospects.

Item No. 13: To report and approve Training of faculty members through Seminars, Workshops and Conferences held outside the University.

The BoG was informed that ever since the present Vice Chancellor has taken over, he has encouraged the participation of the faculty in various conferences, seminars & workshops. The provision of funding for such activities has been made under TEQIP programme. The details of these activities have been listed on the pages of Agenda of this meeting. It is heartening to note that even students also availed these opportunities.

All the members greatly appreciated this initiative and complimented the Vice Chancellor for taking such positive measures which will enhance the visibility of BGSBU at the national level.

Item No.14: Approval for minor civil work under renovation of building

The Coordinator informed the house that under the provisions of TEQIP-III, minor civil work in terms of renovation of laboratories, class rooms, seminar library and extension of laboratories etc is permissible to refurbish and

improve the existing infrastructure of the Engineering College. A small percentage of total grant i.e., 5% is allocated for this purpose.

In SOET, the flooring of the classrooms, labs and other spaces connected with academic activities are in extremely bad conditions. Therefore, it was proposed in the Action Plan to undertake the renovation activity of the damaged flooring particularly laboratories and class rooms so as to further equip them with ICT facilities to develop them into "SMART CLASS ROOMS". The prescribed procedure was followed to choose the contractor based on L-1 bidding to undertake this work and the Agreement and Work Order in favour of lowest bidder has been issued.

The CPA, NPIU has also been intimated regarding the proposed execution of this work. The work is being undertaken under the overall supervision of the Dean, SoET who has been requested to get the work monitored for its quality and pace by a team of experts from the Civil Engineering Department. The house was further informed that there is lot of minor repair work pertaining to partitioning of the faculty chambers, further refurbishing of the damaged flooring of class rooms and extension of workshop/ laboratory block to house newly purchase high-end equipment. Hence, the BoG approval is sought for such minor nature of civil work based on repair & extension of the existing buildings.

The BoG accorded its approval to carry out civil work of the nature of (i) refurbishing and replacement of damaged flooring in SoET (ii) partitioning of laboratory and faculty chambers and (iii) extension of laboratory / workshop block to house large-sized high-end equipment for its optimum utilization. However, all such work should be carried out within the stipulated grant of 5% allocated for this purpose.

Item No.15: Status of Engagement of Assistant Professor (Temporary) under Project TEQIP-III appointed by NPIU / MHRD

The Coordinator apprised the members that in order to augment the strength of teaching faculty, the NPIU/MHRD deputed forty one contractual faculties of Assistant Professor rank in January 2018, out of which twenty six Assistant Professors finally joined BGSBU in different streams as per the details given below.

1. Electronics & Communication Engineering :04
2. Electrical & Renewable Engineering: 04
3. Civil Engineering: 06
4. Information Technology Engineering: 06
5. Computer Science Engineering: 05
6. Mechanical Engineering: 01

Total: 26

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However, after a stay of nearly one year, thirteen faculties opted out for other Institutions leaving only thirteen faculties behind. Now NPIU, in second phase, has deputed eight more contractual Assistant Professors and hence the total number of contractual Assistant Professors deputed by NPIU to BGSBU is twenty-one (21) as per the following details:

1. Electronics & Communication Engineering :02
2. Electrical & Renewable Engineering: 04
3. Civil Engineering: 05
4. Information Technology Engineering: 04
5. Computer Science Engineering: 06

Total: 21

The house was informed that these contractual faculties have been selected by NIPU through rigorous process of screening and selection and most of them are from prestigious Engineering institutions such as NITs, IITs etc.

Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir wanted to know the fate of these faculties after the TEQIP –III project gets over. He was informed that most of them may get absorbed on permanent positions during this period and if BGSBU has some vacancies and the Selection Committee so recommends, they may even find placement in this institution.

The house noted and endorsed the steps taken by NPIU to place Assistant Professors (Temporary) selected by them at BGSBU to augment its teaching and research activities for the duration of TEQIP programme.

Item No.16: Status of preparedness for NBA accreditation

For the successful continuation of TEQIP-III programme, the NBA accreditation is one of the mandatory requirements, the deadline by which the NBA accreditation has to be completed by TEQIP-III funded Institutions has already been fixed by NPIU. The BGSBU, while fulfilling most of the other criteria, is grossly short of having a Professor & Associate Professor in each Department of Engineering in order to become eligible to file its pre-qualifier. The matter has been deliberated extensively at appropriate fora such as NPIU, Higher Education Department, J&K (HEDJK) and even HE/MHRD, New Delhi particularly in the context of Engineering Institutions of J&K. Prof. (Dr.) P. M. Khodke, CPA, NPIU in his e-mail addressed to HEDJK has referred to a Joint Review Meeting with secretary HE, MHRD on July 24, 2018 and has conveyed the following decision of MHRD with regard to shortage of positions at higher level in J&K Engineering Institutions

"Respecting the request of states, MHRD have evolved a scheme (Annex-1) for making these faculty available through deputation, re-engagement of retired faculty from reputed institutions, and through open advertisement within 3 months".

Upon being asked, BGSBU has conveyed its willingness/concurrence for engaging the faculties at higher positions appointed by NPIU to fulfill the condition of eligibility for NBA accreditation. For rest of the criteria, for NBA accreditation, the Vice-Chancellor BGSBU along with Coordinator, TEQIP and Dean. SoET is making continuous efforts to fulfill all conditions of pre-qualifier for NBA accreditation.

The members lauded the concerted efforts being made by the Vice Chancellor and TEQIP Coordinator to complete all the requirements to file Pre-Qualifier for NBA accreditation. However, concerns have been raised for not having sufficient faculties at Professor and Associate Professor level which is one of the mandatory requirements for NBA accreditation. The BoG authorized the Vice Chancellor to take all possible steps to appoint faculties at higher positions, even inviting qualified persons on deputation to meet the faculty deficiency and also to strengthen the administrative set-up.

Item No.17: Mentor's Report following the Performance Audit of BGSBU

It has been mentioned that as one of the important measures to keep a close vigil on the smooth conduct of TEQIP-III programme, soon after the visit of Performance Auditor, another visit of a Mentor deputed by NPIU is followed. The Mentor reviews the Performance Audit Report of the Institution and candidly assesses its strength and the weakness and offers corrective measures. The above Report is uploaded by Mentor on NPIU portal.

Prof. Rajiv Sapkal, Professor & Head, Deptt. of Chemical Technology and Former Director, Board of College & University Deptt., Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati was appointed by NPIU as the Mentor of BGSB University. He visited the University on October 22-23, 2018 and carried out thorough assessment by checking records, interacting with various stake holders such as faculty, students and non-teaching technical staff and visited various Departments, laboratories, hostel and other places connected with School of Engineering & Technology.

In his report, amongst the strength of the Institution, he highlighted visionary leadership of the Head of Institution and his committed team. However, he recorded his concern for lack of faculty at senior level and fewer PhD holders. He was optimistic that these lacunae will be filled in due course of time under the able stewardship of the present Head of Institution.

Prof. Ashok Aima remarked that based on SWOT analysis, BGSBU has made commendable progress which augurs well for the future of this institution.

The Members noted the content of Mentor's Report and complimented the visionary leadership of the Vice Chancellor and put on record the appreciation of the unstinted efforts being made by the Coordinator TEQIP and his dedicated team to implement this programme so efficiently.

Item No.18: To present the Statutory Financial Audit Reports for the Year 2017-18 conducted by State Project Implementation Unit, J&K (SPIU)

The members were informed that as per NPIU/MHRD guidelines, it is mandatory that an Annual Financial Audit of each TEQIP funded Institution has to be carried out by an External Auditor. In compliance to the above, the statutory audit of BGSB University as 1.1 TEQIP Institution was carried by M/S Mahesh Solanki & Co. (Chartered Accountants), Indore (M.P.) on October 23, 2018 under the direction of SPIU. The Nodal Officer (Finance) and other TEQIP Cell functionaries made all the records available which were thoroughly scrutinized by the designated auditors. The auditors expressed their satisfaction over the meticulous record keeping at BGSB University and in its summary opinion stated the following:

"In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanation given to us, the financial statements of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, J&K for the year ended 31st March 2018 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Financial Management Manual issued by Government of India, Dept. of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development). The Financial Statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India."

A few suggestions for future improvement were also given.

The Coordinator TEQIP mentioned that Financial Audit is a challenging task and to earn the words of appreciation from the Auditors is a matter of great satisfaction. He gave entire credit to the efforts being made by the Nodal Officers particularly Nodal Officer (Finance) who along with TEQIP Cell Accountant has done a remarkable job.

The BoG was in all appreciation for the commendable work done by TEQIP team to maintain meticulous account keeping which is a daunting task. The members urged that the same pace of good work done by TEQIP team must continue.

Any other Items:

With the permission of the Chairman, BoG, the following issues were discussed:

(i) Performance Auditors

Prof. M.M. Sufyan Beg suggested that in order to maintain uniformity, the Performance Auditor of Mentor and Mentee institution should be the same. He informed that he has already written to NPIU in this regard and requested that a similar suggestion to NPIU should also be sent by the Chairman, BoG on behalf of BGSBU.

The members endorsed the above suggestion and urged for an expeditious following action.

(ii) Start of M.Tech. programme at BGSBU

The Dean, SoET suggested for the start of M.Tech. programme, in limited disciplines at BGSBU. Keeping in view the demand of M.Tech. for local passouts, the other members also endorsed the suggestion. The Vice Chancellor also expressed his willingness to start this programme but with a note of caution that we must conform to the eligibility requirement of AICTE to avoid any problem of AICTE recognition at later stage.

The members resolved that the proposal may be considered as, agreed in principle, and authorized the Vice Chancellor to assess the eligibility conditions as laid down by AICTE and take appropriate decision accordingly.

(iii) To revert back to classical nomenclature of 'Electrical Engineering' in place of 'Electrical & Renewable Energy Engineering (EREE)' currently in vogue at SoET, BGSBU

There has been series of representations by the passout students from SoET, BGSBU with the request to rename the present Electrical & Renewable Energy Engineering (EREE)' currently in vogue at SoET, BGSBU to conventional nomenclature of 'Electrical Engineering'. This is to facilitate them to compete in the employment since most of the governmental organizations do not recognize the EREE nomenclature of BGSBU. The issue has been extensively deliberated at several committees constituted by the Vice Chancellor and the suggestion has been endorsed for implementation. Lately, a representation signed by the on-going batch of the SOET students with EREE specialization was received with the same prayer. Hence, the Board of Studies of EREE also endorsed the above suggestion

and the matter was placed before the Vice Chancellor who, after taking into account all aspects of the issue, has also agreed to the proposal. However, the Vice Chancellor desired that the matter may also be discussed at the BoG meeting and its suggestion may also be taken into consideration.


The members of the BoG endorsed the above suggestion to change the present nomenclature of Electrical & Renewable Energy Engineering (EREE)' currently in vogue at SoET, BGSSBU to conventional nomenclature of 'Electrical Engineering' to save the students from the hardships in getting employment due to present nomenclature..

Concluding Remarks

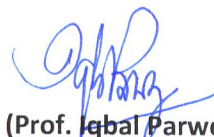
At the end of the meeting, the Vice Chancellor thanked all the members of the BoG for their valuable input and keen interest in the matters pertaining to TEQIP. He was particularly indebted to **Prof. Ashok Aima**, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, **Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir**, Vice Chancellor, Central University, Kashmir who despite their heavy engagements managed to spare time for this meeting. The Vice Chancellor expressed special thanks to **Prof. M. M. Sufyan Beg**, Principal, ZH College of Engineering & Technology, AMU, Aligarh, **Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Raina**, who attended the meeting for the first time and he hoped that their valuable participation will continue in future as well. The consistent participation and sincere input from **Prof. Hamid Ali**, Ex-Dean, ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh, **Prof. Mohammad Asger Ghazi**, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, BGSSBU, **Prof. Naseem Ahmed**, Dean, School of Management Studies, BGSSBU, **Mr. Vishal Puri**, HoD, Department of ECE, SoET, BGSSBU was greatly acknowledged by the Vice Chancellor. Lastly, the Vice Chancellor complimented Coordinator TEQIP and his dedicated team for the commendable job done by them.

All the members including **Prof. Ashok Aima & Prof. Mehrajuddin Mir** complimented the Vice Chancellor for raising the academic bar and setting new bench mark of academic excellence at BGSSBU. They all hoped that this good work will continue with the same vigour and vitality.

With this, the meeting came to an end.



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