



**BABA GHULAM SHAH BADSHAH
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RAJOURI (J&K)**

**School of Engineering & Technology
Minutes
of
5th Meeting of Board of Governors**

**held on
February 9, 2019 at 3:30 PM
at
Conference Hall of Vice Chancellor's Secretariat
BGSB University, Rajouri**

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The 5th meeting of Board of Governors (BoG) of the School of Engineering & Technology was held on February 9, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, BGSBU.

The following were present:

1. **Prof. Javed Musarrat**, Vice Chancellor, BGSBU – In the Chair
2. **Prof. Mehraj-ud-Din Mir**, Vice Chancellor, Central University, Kashmir
3. **Prof. M.M. Sufyan Beg**, Principal, ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh
4. **Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed Zarri**, Registrar, BGSBU (Special Invitee)
5. **Prof. Mohammed Asger**, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, BGSBU
6. **Prof. Naseem Ahmad**, Dean, Management Studies, BSSBU, Rajouri
7. **Mr. Vishal Puri**, HoD, Electronics & Communication Engineering, BGSBU
8. **Prof. Iqbal Parwez**, Dean (Academic Affairs) and Coordinator, TEQIP-III BGSBU, Convener

The meeting commenced with the recitation of verses of holy Quran by Prof. Sufyan Beg.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members of Board of Governors particularly those from outstation who could make it possible to attend the meeting despite their heavy engagements. He was particularly grateful to Prof. Mehraj-ud-Din Mir and Prof. Sufyan Beg who undertook an arduous journey in such inclement weather. The Vice Chancellor informed the members that it is the 5th meeting in quick succession in order to meet an DLI requirement to prevent the reduction in the PLA. He also informed that another important DLI is the accreditation by NBA which is being personally supervised by him and all POs and COs have been completed to a large extent. He informed the members that the University plans to file Pre- Qualifier (PQ) in four streams of School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) by February 25, 2019 even though he is aware that some of our mandatory requirements such as Student-Teacher - ratio, number of Ph.Ds., the lack of Senior faculties etc. are still not as per NBA requirement. However, NPIU still encourages to file PQ to assess the state of preparedness. In the meanwhile, University has advertised senior faculty positions such as those of Professors and Associate Professors in SOET to make up the existing deficiency and efforts will be made to conduct the interviews speedily after the spell of promulgated model code of conduct gets over.

Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor asked the Coordinator, TEQIP to take up the items of agenda.

The Coordinator reiterated the welcome extended by the Vice Chancellor and informed the house that two of our members namely, Prof. Ashok Aima and Prof. Hamid Ali who had been regularly attending all the previous BoG meetings could not make it this time due to their extremely pressing commitments. Prof. Shakeel Raina who had consented to attend this meeting had the last minute change of programme, Prof. Abdul Khaliq is abroad and Prof. I. M. Mishra also could not make it. The Coordinator informed that subsequent meetings will be more evenly spaced and the next meeting is likely to be scheduled during mid June 2019 to complete the quota of this quarter.

The Vice Chancellor added that TEQIP has high level of accountability where SPIU is governed by NPIU which, in turn, is monitored by World Bank and MHRD New Delhi.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 4th meeting of Board of Governors held on January 19, 2019.

The members of BoG were informed that the copy of the draft minutes of the previous BoG meeting held on January 19, 2019 were e-mailed to all the members with the request to offer any comment(s) / observation(s), if any, on the recorded minutes.

Since no comments were received on the recording of the minutes of the previous BoG meeting, it was proposed that the minutes of the said meeting may be confirmed by the Chairman, BoG.

The minutes of the last meeting of BoG held on January 19, 2019 were unanimously confirmed

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the basis of follow-up suggestions / directives given in the 4th meeting of the Board of Governors held on January 19, 2019.

The house was informed that time gap between the previous BoG meeting held on January 19, 2019 and that of the current meeting today on February 9, 2019 was not much, hence no elaborate follow-up action could have been possible. It was, therefore, suggested to consider the Actions Taken with regard to

suggestions / directions given in the BoG meetings of January 19, 2019 and February 9, 2019 in the next BoG meeting as and when it is held.

The members approved the suggestion that the Actions Taken with regard to suggestions / directions given in the BoG meetings of January 19, 2019 and February 9, 2019 may be considered in the next BoG meeting as and when it is held.

Item No.3: To report the status of Review Meeting of Coordinators of Mentee institutions (1.1) of J&K and their Mentor institutions (1.3) held at Chandigarh on 29-01-2019.

The members were apprised that the functioning and progress of TEQIP programme is closely monitored by NPIU which itself is under the close scrutiny of World Bank and MHRD, New Delhi. Hence, the Jammu & Kashmir State Project Implementation Unit (JKSPIU) vide its email dated January 21, 2019 informed the TEQIP Coordinators of all the Mentee institutions (1.1) of J&K and their Mentor institutions (1.3) that the World Bank has suggested to take rigorous follow-up monitoring of the Project activities of TEQIP funded institutions. Such a follow-up was required to be completed by NPIU before February 10, 2019 since the World Bank in its Mid Term Review to be held between February 11 - 22, 2019 will monitor the progress of the on-going TEQIP – III programmes in various institutions. To meet the aforesaid targets, the NIPU scheduled Review Meeting with State institutions at different places under the Chairmanship of Central Project Advisor (CPA), to review the current status with regard to fulfillment of different Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs). Hence, for the states of J&K, HP and Uttarakhand, the meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2019 at Punjab Engineering College (PEC), Chandigarh.

The institutions were asked to make power-point presentations during the review meeting on the prescribed template. The information sought was along the following lines:

- (i) Institute information: UG / PG courses intake and year of commencement.
- (ii) Accreditation (eligible programs)

- (iii) BoG & No. of meetings
 - a. BoG constituted as per AICTE / UGC Norms (including University constituent colleges)
 - b. Details of BoG meeting (July 2018 – June 2018).
- (iv) Planning, Initiation and Expenditure on Procurement.
- (v) GATE / Employment Skill (ES) Trainings of UG Engineering Programs
- (vi) Performance Benchmark for Mid Term Review (11-22 February 2019) for continuation of institute in the project for 2019-20.
- (vii) Plans for achieving targets in Sr. Nos. 1-6.

The above meetings was attended by the Coordinator, TEQIP III to represent BGSBU and was chaired by the Dr. (Prof.) P. M. Khodke, CPA at PEC Chandigarh.

The Coordinator informed that SoET has five streams of B.Tech. programme with the student intake of 60 each in each stream and has no Professor or Associate Professor but 11, 13, 12, 10 & 10 Assistant Professors in each streams. Based on the strength of admitted students on four streams i.e. Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communications Engineering and Computer Science Engineering are eligible for NBA and the University has given the target date of SAR uploading, if prequalifies (PQ) is accepted, up to a maximum period of December 2019. However, as on now no prequalifies (PQ) has been filed due to the lack of senior faculty positions of Professor & Associate Professor and unfavourable Student / Teacher ratio. Members were informed that the University has already advertised the positions of Professors and Associate Professors in SoET with an added incentive to provide accommodation to selected candidates. It has been strongly suggested by NPIU to file prequalifies even if all the conditions are not ideal to have the assessment of preparedness. The other details of NBA have been recorded in a substantive item no. 4 on NBA of the agenda of this meeting.

The Coordinator informed that under BGSBU TEQIP III programme, we have already completed all the quota of required number of meetings in each quarter which were held on Nov. 9, 2018, December 31, 2018, January 19, 2019, one additional BoG being held today i.e. February 9, 2019 and the last one for the quarter April – June, 2018 is scheduled by mid June, 2019. Hence, there is no pending backlog and, in fact, we have conducted one extra BoG meeting. Therefore, BGSBU will successfully qualify for DLI-3 pertaining to requisite number of BoG meetings once the proposed meeting for mid June, 2019 is over.

The members were apprised that our performance in the utilization of funds was extremely good and was much ahead of the target / limit set by NPIU. We have given 100% procurement Plan, utilized Rs. 4.38 crore as against the target of 1.5 crore thus showing 292% utilization and in totality against the set target of Rs. 3 crore utilization / pending bills clearance, our tally comes to Rs. 5.12 crore which is 170%, which was rated as 'Commendable achievement' by CPA in the said meeting. In GATE & Employability Skill Test, we have registered 100% participation which was appreciated by CPA. Hence, under all Performance Bench Marks such as, % MIS data, Procurement Expenditure, EAP, Twinning score, the TEQIP programme in BGSBU has shown excellent performance with the only area of concern is the lack of senior faculty positions which is seriously hampering our efforts of NBA accreditation. However, the University is making concerted efforts to overcome this deficiency and the advertisement to hire faculties has already been released.

The members greatly appreciated the commendable achievements of the TEQIP team under the able stewardship of the Vice Chancellor in all performance Bench marks as assessed in Mid Term Review held on January 29, 2019 at Chandigarh. The members also lauded the concerted efforts being made by the Vice Chancellor to induct Professors & Associate Professors in SoET to achieve success in NBA.

Item No. 4: Status of the NBA Accreditation of the B.Tech. Programme at School of Engineering & Technology (SoET), BGSBU.

The members were briefed about the historical perspective of accreditation of Professional programmes in the disciplines like Engineering & Technology, Management, Architecture and Pharmacy and Hospitality through the autonomous Regulatory Body like National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Hence accreditation to NBA of the TEQIP funded institutions is one of the most important DLI for continuation of funding under this programme, Those institutions which are not accredited through NBA by December 2019, TEQIP grant might be discontinued, the fact which has been emphasized time & again by SPIU & NPIU in all meetings and also through several communications sent in this regard.

The TEQIP funded institution are in two categories (i) which are autonomous and are termed Tier I and (ii) affiliated institutions which are termed Tier II and BGSBU falls under the former category. The NBA accreditation process consists of two steps, filing of pre qualifiers (PQ) and following its successful acceptance, on- line uploading of SAR. However, the condition of filing PQ is waved in case of Tier II institutions.

The members were informed that one of the critical parameter of NBA assessment where the BGSBU is woefully deficient is the lack of senior faculty in the form of Professor and Associate Professor in each stream. This deficiency, unfortunately, cannot be overcome overnight. Our efforts to hire faculty through open recruitment process suffered a setback when Hon'ble Supreme Court of India imposed a ban on all the new recruitment processes all over the country by an interim order passed on the judgement dated 07-04-2017 of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad in a WPA No. 43260 of 2016 which was upheld by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. However, the aforesaid embargo has now been lifted since SLP filed in the aforesaid case has been dismissed. Consequently, the BGSBU has now advertised 04 positions of Professor and Associate Professors each in various disciplines of SoET vide its advertisement No. BGSBU/Reg/19/4597 dated: 07-02-2019 thus paving the way for the

induction of new faculties at senior level in SoET. This may, hopefully, lead to fulfillment of major requirement in our pursuit of getting NBA in SoET.

The Coordinator informed the house that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor took initiative to monitor the entire NBA exercise himself by assigning specific tasks based on the SAR proforma and conducted Review Meetings of to assess the progress made in terms of achieving the different criteria as laid down in the SAR proforma.

It is heartening that till date as many as Eight Review meetings have already taken place starting from July 26, 2018, August 10, 2018, August 29, 2018, September 17, 2018, October 29, 2018, November 12, 2018, December 29, 2018 and the latest being held during last week on February 5, 2019. In-between, the Vice Chancellor along with Dean, Academic Affairs who is also the TEQIP Coordinator visited each Department of SoET on October 10, 2018 to assess the status of preparedness in terms of documentation so that deficiencies, if any, can be overcome. Once the entire exercise of document preparation is over, it is also planned to conduct couple of 'Mock NBA Exercise' by the renowned NBA experts so as to streamline the whole process before actual NBA expert team arrives.

The Coordinator pointed out that merely induction of faculty at higher positions will not suffice since as per NBA guidelines, the appointed faculty need to be in place for at least two semesters (one year) before it can be taken into account for NBA accreditation. Hence, even if the faculties are appointed, unless this condition is relaxed / omitted, NBA accreditation in BGSBU and all other TEQIP funded institutions of J&K will remain an unrealized goal. The Coordinator observed that there has been a gradual relaxation of conditions from the initial required stay of two years to now two semesters only (one year) and there is likelihood that it may be relaxed even further. However, as a first step, it is important that we should have the required number of qualified faculty in place before initiating any efforts to seek relaxation in the faculty stay requirement. Since it is a problem which is more acute in the State of J&K due to locational and other well known disadvantages, the members suggested that all TEQIP-III institutions of J & K must resolve in their BoG to relax the faculty minimum duration stay requirement and through a joint representation plead before the

concerned officials to consider our plea realistically and sympathetically and provide us one time relaxation in the aforesaid condition so that the institution may cross this hurdle. Following this, all the other institutions in J & K may become eligible for NBA accreditation if other conditions, which are achievable, are in place.

The members greatly applauded the efforts being made by the University, particularly, the Vice Chancellor to achieve the target of getting NBA accreditation in all the eligible streams of SoET.

Item No.5: To report and approve the appointment of new Nodal & Co-Nodal Officers (Procurement), in TEQIP III programme at BGSBU.

The members were informed that the BoG authorized the Vice Chancellor in the its last meeting held on 19-01-2019 to appoint new Nodal and Co-Nodal Officers (Procurement) consequent upon the resignation of Mr. Manmeet Singh, Assistant Professor, IT Engineering, SoET. Therefore, in pursuance to the above authorization, the Vice Chancellor has appointed the following Nodal and Co-Nodal Officer (Procurement) for the duration of TEQIP Project or until further order whichever is earlier.

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| 1. Mr. Ameer Ullah Ganai | - | Nodal Officer |
| Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Civil Engg. | | |
| 2. Mr. Junaid Farooq War | - | Co-Nodal Officer |
| Assistant Professor, Department of ECE | | |

The above appointments have been notified vide order No. BGSBU/TEQIP III/Cell/19/13A, dated : 22-01-2019.

The BoG approved the appointment of Mr. Ameer Ullah Ganai, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Civil Engg. and Mr. Junaid Farooq War, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, SoET as the new Nodal & Co-Nodal Officers (Procurement) respectively under TEQIP III.

Any Other Item:

1. **Dr. Mohammad Asger Gazi** presented a Strategic Plan to the Chairman of BoG who inquired if it has been vetted by experts. Since it is an important document, the BoG decided to adopt this but only after its due process of vetting.

2. **Proposals from the Mentor Institution**

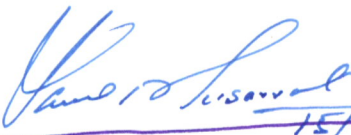
Prof. Sufyan Beg presented three proposals from the side of the Mentor Institution which were discussed and unanimously accepted.

- a) It was proposed that the faculty of the Mentor Institution will teach 10% of the syllabus of a few selected courses to strength the teaching at BGSBU under the twinning activity. Prof. Asger Gazi was entrusted the responsibility to select such courses based on the teaching faculty profile available on AMU website and send the request proposal to Principal, ZHCET, AMU through Coordinator TEQIP to initiate this activity.
 - b) Prof, Sufyan Beg also volunteered to send experts from Environmental Engineering of AMU, to set up 2-3 experiments pertaining to this discipline at BGSBU.
 - c) It was also proposed by the mentor that research proposals may be invited from faculties and after due process of evaluation and, if found worthwhile, such projects may be funded out of the TEQIP grant. The mentor institution may also be involved as co-PI to complement the expertise.
3. The Coordinator TEQIP also explored the possibility if the mentor institute is organizing some International Conference so that BGSBU may also plan to hold the international conference during the same period and may invite Speakers out of the foreign delegates of the aforesaid Conference. Prof. Sufyan Beg promised to extend all possible help in this regard. In his later communication, Prof. Sufyan Beg informed that ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh is organizing International Conference UPCON-2019 during November 2019 and, therefore, BGSBU may plan its event accordingly.
 4. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor pointed out that our Industry – Academia link is still not very strong and he sought help from mentor institution in this regard.


5. The Coordinator TEQIP suggested that if the mentor institution proposes to include any item in the BoG agenda for consideration in the BoG meeting at BGSBU, it may be sent well in advance with a brief note and supporting documents. Prof. Sufyan Beg suggested the same for the College Management Committee (CMC) meeting at AMU from the BGSBU side.

At the end, the Vice Chancellor expressed his gratitude to all the members for their extremely valuable input and hoped that their cooperation and patronage will continue in future as well.

Minutes Confirmed


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