

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 109th Executive Committee (Emergent) meeting held on August 03, 2017 at 11.30 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.	Ms. Malati Narayanan, Deputy Secretary, MHRD	Nominee of Secretary, MHRD
4.	Prof. S.C. Saxena, Chairman, NRC-AICTE	Member
5.	Shri. Avinash Chander, Former, Director General, DRDO, and Scientific Adviser	Member
6.	Prof. A.K. Ray, Director, IEST, Shibpur;	Member
7.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. R. Rudramoorthy, Chairman, SRC-AICTE; Prof. Janat Shah, Chairman, AIB-MS, AICTE; Prof. B.B. Ahuja Chairman, AIB-VE, AICTE; Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshtha, Chairman, AIB-HTM, AICTE; Financial Advisor, MHRD; Secretary, Technical Education, Mizoram; Secretary, Technical Education, Rajasthan; Secretary, Technical Education, Odisha; Secretary, Technical Education, Puducherry; Prof. S.K. Kak, Former, VC, Jaypee University, Solan; Prof. N.S. Vyas, Chairperson, Technology Mission for Indian Railways Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR, New Delhi and Director General, ICAR 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 two Regional Committees which have a membership on the present Executive Committee were invited as Special Invitee to this Emergent EC meeting. Prof. P.K. Garg, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Technical University 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 109th Emergent Executive Committee meeting. He apprised all the members about 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.
8. 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.
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.

The formal Agenda Items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 109.01.01 : 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 Executive Committee

deliberated on various aspects of the recommendations made. While most of the recommendations were appreciated and approved by the Executive Committee, 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. 109.01.02 : To consider and approve the inviting proposals from IITs/NITs/NITTTRs/IIITs/SPAs etc. / AICTE approved Govt. /Govt. Aided Institutions for setting up of new QIP Centres.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and decided that proposals for setting up new QIP Centres may be invited from all State Government /Centrally funded institutes like IITs, NITs, Central Universities, NITTTRs, IISERs IEST, IIHM and also private institutions. The members also were of a view that criteria for selection of institutes should be of high order like minimum 2 rounds of 5 year accreditation of programmes, good quality Ph.D and publication output etc.

Item No. 109.01.03 : To consider and approve the proposal of Government of Maharashtra for increase in the NRI quota seats for College of Engineering, Pune, Maharashtra, Western Region.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the issue and did not approve of first option of additional 5% seats for NRIs as supernumerary seats raising supernumerary seats to 20%. EC approved the second option of permitting NRIs within 15% approved supernumerary quota for Foreign Nationals/Overseas Citizens of India/Persons of Indian Origin (OCI/PIO)/ Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries. However, one third (1/3) of these 15% seats shall continue to be reserved for Children of Indian Workers in the Gulf Countries. Any vacant seat in a given course, out of 1/3rd seats reserved for Children of Workers in Gulf Countries shall be reverted to the quota of 2/3rd meant for OCI/PIO/Foreign Nationals/NRI and vice versa.

The Executive Committee decided that this provision may be extended to all institutes who seek approval for 15% supernumerary quota and the Approval Process Handbook may be suitably amended.



Item No. 109.01.04 : To consider the matter of promotion of Dr. B. L. Rama to the post of Adviser-II.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the recommendations of the One Man Committee for considering the appointment of Dr. B.L. Rama to the post of Adviser-II in AICTE as promotion and not on deputation in the line with the guidelines of DOPT.

Item No. 109.01.05 : To consider and approve the proposal from CII for India Innovation Initiative (i3) - 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal to partner with CII and DST for organizing the 9th edition of India Innovation Initiative (i3)- 2017 and approved an estimated expenditure of Rs. 33.00 lakhs (Rupees Thirty-Three Lakhs) from the consolidated fund of Council under Non-Plan Head.

Item No. 109.01.06 : To consider and approve utilizing interest earned on corpus of AICTE for release of grants under various schemes (AQIS).

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved utilizing the interest earned on corpus of AICTE for release of grants under various schemes of AQIS to improve the quality of technical education in the country. EC also suggested to prepare a long term plan for financial sustainability of such schemes in future from own resources of AICTE. Further, EC hoped that in future MHRD shall support such quality improvement schemes as supported in the past.

Item No. 109.01.07 : To consider and approve amendment in the AQIS Handbook 2017-18 in respect of SHARE AND MENTOR INSTITUTIONS (Margdarshan) Scheme.

The Executive Committee considered and approved proposed amendments in the AQIS Handbook 2017-18 in respect of SHARE AND MENTOR INSTITUTIONS (Margdarshan) Scheme and advised to include IITs and NITs to participate in this scheme. It was further decided by the EC that AICTE should widely advertise the scheme by writing to the Directors/Principals of the TEQIP institutions and also to Vice Chancellors and Directors of centrally funded institutes.

Item No. 109.01.08 : To consider and approve the enhancement of incentive amount to encourage and promote writing good quality technical books and their translation in scheduled local languages.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and resolved that AICTE may develop a policy on awarding incentive amount to encourage and promote writing good quality technical books and their translation in scheduled local languages based on a similar policy of ISTE in this regard.



Item No. 109.01.09 : To consider and approve the proposal to introduce a new scheme viz. Short Term Training Programme (STTP).

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to introduce a new scheme viz. Short Term Training Programme (STTP) of 5 days duration for teachers of AICTE approved institutions. Similar programmes conducted by IITs under TIOKT should be considered for promotion under CAS. EC suggested that efforts should be made to include those institutions that have good hard and soft infrastructure for conducting such STTPs.

Item No. 109.01.10 : To consider and approve i4c, Persistent System Ltd as organizing partner of Smart India Hackathon-2018.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved the i4c and Persistent Systems Ltd. as partners for Smart India Hackathon 2018. The EC also decided that i4c should submit Utilization Certificate of funds raised by them through sponsorship and also share audited accounts with AICTE.

Item No. 109.01.11 To consider and approve expenditure proposed for Smart India Hackathon - 2017.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal in principle to provision an expenditure of Rs.3.00 Lakhs per team to meet post Hackathon activity of Smart India Hackathon -2017 if the concerned Ministry involved submits an assurance to adopt the solution evolved after spending additional money and rigorous efforts put in by students. However, the Executive Committee further decided that AICTE should write to PMO informing the status and request PMO to write to all concerned Ministries to adopt solutions provided by Hackathon 2017 teams along with expediting release of fund for prizes and further development as committed.

Item No. 109.01.12 To consider and approve increase in the validity period of GPAT Exam Score from existing One Year to Three Years to bring it at par with GATE Score.

The Executive Committee considered the matter and approved the proposal for increase in the validity period of GPAT Exam Score from existing One Year to Three Years to bring it at par with validity of GATE Score. It was also resolved that GPAT & CMAT shall follow norms set by GATE from time to time in this regard.

Item No. 109.02.01 : To ratify issuance of EOA for the AY 2017-18 to Santhigiri Institute of Management, Kerala, PID: 1-2487377361, South West Region, in pursuance of Hon'ble Court Orders.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 109.02.02

: To ratify the approval granted for issue of Corrigendum to EOAs 2017-18 to technical institutes towards increase in intake, additional course etc.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 109.02.03

To ratify the recommendations of 10th PMC meeting for reviewing the overall progress and performance of NEQIP beneficiary institutions for disbursement of second/third installment of Grant-in-Aid under AICTE - NEQIP Scheme.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 109.03.01

To receive the information regarding cancellation of appointment of Dr. Ram Kumar Pathak, Programmer, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.) for the post of Director (On deputation basis) in the Council.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 109.03.02

To receive a note on Quick Revision of the Model curriculum of Undergraduate Engineering courses.

The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made by AICTE and all the Committees in creating a new model curriculum structure and detailed curriculum of first two semesters. The Executive Committee received the information and approved the same for communicating to all Universities and autonomous colleges.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. A.P. Mittal)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman