

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070

Minutes of the 125th Executive Committee meeting held on April 26, 2019 at 11.00 am in the Bhaskara Meeting Room, First 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.	Dr. S. S. Sandhu, Additional Secretary (HE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur	Member
5.	Prof. Satish Chand, (Chairman, AIB - ITE) JNU, New Delhi	Member
6.	Shri Saju Vaheed A., Director (HE), Govt of Tripura	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura
7.	Dr. Saroj Kumar Special Secretary (TE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
8.	Ms. K. Damayanti Principal Secretary Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
9.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean, Engineering & Technology Rajasthan Technical University, Kota	Member
10.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria Principal, L. D. College, Ahmedabad	Member
11.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
12.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP, AICTE; Prof. N.R. Sheth, Chairman, AIB-PE; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Utrakhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Department of ECE, NIT - Jamshedpur; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR; 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 125th meeting of the Executive Committee.



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The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

Item No. 125.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 08, 2019.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 08, 2019.

Item No. 125.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 08, 2019.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 08, 2019.

Item No. 125.03.01 : To consider and approve the decision of AICTE in the cases of Government Institutions.

(Approval Bureau)

The Executive Committee 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 EC 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. 125.03.02 : To consider and approve appointment of Km. Himanshi Mann, D/o Late Shri D. R. Mann, Ex- Assistant Librarian on compassionate ground.

(Admin. Bureau)

The Executive Committee considered and approved the appointment of Km. Himanshi Mann D/o Late Shri D.R Mann, Ex-Assistant Librarian on compassionate ground to the post of LDC in the Pay Band-1 Rs.5200-20200 + GP 1900/Level 2 as per 7th CPC in terms of DoPT OM No. 14014/02/2012-Estt(D) dated 16.1.2013.

Item No. 125.03.03 To consider and approve the proposal for training under four AICTE Training and Learning Academies (ATAL).

(NWRO-Chandigarh)

The Executive Committee noted that pursuant to the decision in its 119th meeting held on 11th October, 2018, regarding establishment of four ATAL academies, five-days training programmes for Technical Teachers, in emerging areas, was completed successfully at five centres i.e. MNIT, Jaipur; KTU, Trivandrum; IIT, Guwahati; NIT, Agartala & RGPV, Bhopal, in February 2019. Model curriculum of 9 thrust areas of emerging technologies, suggested by the committee constituted for the purpose of perspective manpower requirements in the country,

has been launched by AICTE.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal to conduct 50 such programmes in a year by each ATAL academy in the thrust areas and some other areas of modern technology by inviting Experts/Resource persons across the country, during the Financial Year 2019-20. The EC also approved that the Regional Officer, AICTE, NWRO-Chandigarh will coordinate all the activities of the four ATAL academies located at different places. It was also resolved that the technical universities be roped in for this purpose.

The Executive Committee also approved the budget expenditure of Rs.32,40,000/ for conducting five programmes in the four ATAL academies @ Rs.1,62,000/- as cost for one workshop. It has been also approved that Rs.1,62,000/- be given to each program also to be conducted in future during FY 2019-20.

The EC appreciated the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for keen interest and willingness in setting up of such an ATAL academy at Hyderabad by AICTE. The EC suggested that AICTE may write to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and also other UT/State Governments as well seeking their respective interest in setting up of such ATAL academies in their respective States/UTs to impart training to faculty in emerging areas.

Item No. 125.03.04
(RIFD Bureau)

To consider and approve proposal for transfer of schemes of Research & Development and new initiatives funded from MHRD plan category to AICTE internal resource fund under Non-Plan category.

The Executive Committee was informed that MHRD, in its meeting held on 29.11.2018, and subsequently in the 123rd meeting of the Executive Committee, desired that the Plan Schemes of AICTE for which grants received from MHRD require thorough review.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for transfer of schemes of Research & Development and new initiatives funded from MHRD plan category to AICTE internal resource fund under Non-Plan category. The EC was informed that AICTE receives processing fee (regulatory charges from institutions) and interest on fixed deposit receipts (security deposits) from technical education institutions since 2010-11. Such income is utilized for the benefit of students, teachers and technical institutions for development of quality in technical education in the country.

The EC further approved that the following schemes presently operated by AICTE may be funded through MHRD Plan budget:

- Skill & Per. Dev. Program Centre for SC & ST STUDENTS
- Special Scheme for NE States
- PG Scholarship (General, SC, ST)
- Hostel for SC/ST
- QIP

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- National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF)
- Research Promotion Scheme NER
- Prerna Scheme
- Samriddhi Scheme
- Pragati Scheme
- Saksham Scheme
- Research Promotional Scheme (RPS)
- E-Shodh Sindhu

The EC also approved the list of following schemes to be transferred from MHRD Plan category to AICTE internal resources Non-Plan category: -

- AICTE- INAE Travel Grant Scheme
- Emeritus Fellowship
- Modernisation & Removal of Obsolescence (MODROB)
- INAE- Teachers Research Fellowship
- Grant for Organizing Conference (GOC)
- Faculty Development Programme (FDP)
- Seminar Grant
- Travel Grants of Faculties
- Technical Book Writing
- M.I.T.A.C.S
- QIP (Foreign)
- ISTE/STTP Technical University/ SSPCA

The EC also noted the following existing Non-Plan schemes to continue in the Non-Plan: -

- NISTECHER (NTMIS)
- Adjunct Faculty
- Share & Mentor Institutions (Margadarshan)
- Margadarshak
- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Item No. 125.03.05
(P&AP Bureau)

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 Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee 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 EC 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 EC 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 EC 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. 125.03.06
(P&AP Bureau)

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

The Executive Committee deliberated on the IGNOU's request letter dated 18th April to MHRD for reviewing the decision of UGC regarding 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 Executive Committee 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. 125.03.07

(Approval Bureau)

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 Executive Committee 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 EC 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. 125.04.01

: To ratify the grant of LOI/LOR/LOA (as applicable) to Institutions based on the Recommendations of the respective Regional Committees and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received, under Chapter I, from Institutions in the AY 2019-20 for

- Setting up of New Technical Institutions offering Technical Programmes at Diploma/Post Diploma/Under Graduate Degree/Post Graduate Degree and Post Graduate Diploma Levels
- Change of Site/ Location
- Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-Ed Institution and Vice-versa
- Conversion of Diploma Level into Degree Level and Vice-versa.
- To start new Program(s)/Level(s) in the existing Institutions

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 125.04.02

: To ratify the recommendations of Scrutiny Committees/ Standing Hearing Committees (SHC) 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.

- 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

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- 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

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 125.04.03

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 Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 125.04.04

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

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 125.05.01

: To receive information on the process and selection of institutes to offer MBA/PGDM in IEV from the Academic Year 2019-20.

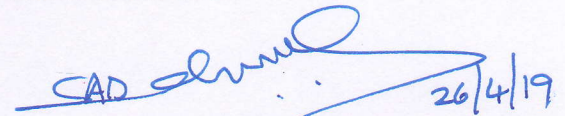
The Executive Committee received the information.

The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee 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