

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 136th Executive Committee meeting held on July 17, 2020 at 11.00 am in the Board Room, Second Floor, Wing 1, 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 (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
3.	Dr. Renuka Mishra, Director (TE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, Chairman, North Western Regional Committee, AICTE (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, South Western Regional Committee-AICTE (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof. V.K. Saraswat (Chairman, AIB-TE) Director -IET, Agra, UP (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Shri Biswajit Majumdar OSD (Technical) Govt. of Tripura (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
9.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
11.	Dr. R.C. Agarwal, Dy. Director, ICAR New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Director, ICAR
12.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA	Special Invitee
13.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

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Chairman, AIB-TCP, AICTE; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttarakhand; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, Bihar; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR; 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 136th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 134th emergent Executive Committee meeting held on 02nd June, 2020, in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included Launch of The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP); posting of internship opportunities on AICTE-MHRD Internship Enterprise portal; status of USVA/UKIERI, Vocational Education programs approved for the AY 2020-21; International Yoga Day; online launch of YUKTI 2.0; launch of Drug Discovery Hackathon; Upcoming Hackathons – SIH 2020 and International Hackathons[India Portugal Hackathon & India ASEAN Hackathon]; ATAL; AICTE-NITTT Orientation Training program for Mentors ; NEAT status ; NEAT 2.0 EOI; AICTE initiatives for CBSE School Teachers & Students; MoU signed between AICTE and Research For Resurgence Foundation(RFRF), Online FDPs on UHV in Technical Education; Online feedback meeting with Samridhi & Prerena beneficiaries, feedback from students of AICTE-MITACS program, enriching webinar sessions held by Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member Secretary, AICTE; Revised Academic Calendar 2020-21, progress in One student-One tree initiative, announcement of NIRF ranking, status of Margadarshan scheme ; future plans, continued series of Leadership Talks.

The Executive Committee members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE under the leadership of Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE for the outstanding achievements. Prof. K.K Aggarwal, Chairman NBA expressed his pleasure and lauded the work done by AICTE under the able leadership and guidance of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

Chairman, AICTE apprised all the members that the Chairman, NBA and his team have been instrumental in achieving the continuance of India's Permanent Signatory status of Washington Accord (India is represented by NBA). All members congratulated Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, Chairman, NBA and his team for this great accomplishment.

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

- Item No. 136.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the four meetings of the Executive Committee:
- 132nd meeting of EC held on February 23, 2020;
 - 133rd emergent meeting of EC held on April 27, 2020;
 - 134th emergent meeting of EC held on June 02, 2020;
 - 135th emergent meeting of EC held on June 15, 2020.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the following meetings:

- **132nd meeting of EC held on February 23, 2020;**
- **133rd emergent meeting of EC held on April 27, 2020;**
- **134th emergent meeting of EC held on June 02, 2020;**
- **135th emergent meeting of EC held on June 15, 2020.**

Item No. 136.02.01

To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the following meetings of the Executive Committee(EC):

- 132nd meeting of EC held on February 23, 2020;
- 133rd emergent meeting of EC held on April 27, 2020;
- 134th emergent meeting of EC held on June 02, 2020;
- 135th emergent meeting of EC held on June 15, 2020.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken in the following meetings:

- 132nd meeting of EC held on February 23, 2020;
- 133rd emergent meeting of EC held on April 27, 2020;
- 134th emergent meeting of EC held on June 02, 2020;
- 135th emergent meeting of EC held on June 15, 2020.

Item No. 136.03.01
FDC

To consider and approve proposal for subscription of services from "Scopus" and "WEB OF SCIENCE" platforms to be funded by AICTE under Non-Plan Head of AICTE, for Research oriented courses

The Executive Committee was informed that the agenda title is partially rectified to be read as Research oriented courses as for Research Oriented Institutes.

The Executive Committee was informed that "WEB OF SCIENCE" is a premier multidisciplinary research citation indexing database. This platform uses citation linkages to uncover the right research, accesses and formulate hypotheses base on the white spaces in their domain in academic and scientific disciplines and come up with fundable, original ideas for grant proposals. The WEB OF SCIENCE (WOS) access service provider Clarivate Analytics has offered the costing @INR 7,95,000.00 plus 18% GST per institute. The total cost for providing WOS to 50 AICTE approved Govt. Institutes is Rs. 4,69,05,000.00.

The EC was also informed that "Scopus" is a bibliographic database containing abstracts and citations for academic journal articles. It covers 22,000 titles from over 5,000 publishers. A large section of the authors prefers the Scopus indexing. The Scopus access service provider Elsevier has offered the costing @ USD 8300.00 (=INR 6,22,500.00) plus 18% GST per institute. The total cost for providing Scopus to 50 AICTE approved Govt. Institutes is Rs. 3,67,27,500.00. This may vary as per the Dollar exchange rates on the day of placing the order.

The Executive Committee considered and approved to provide this facility to 100 Government Institutes (50 each to WOS and Scopus). These AICTE approved Government institutes will be shortlisted as per the approved evaluation parameters. Post qualification, based on the given parameters, top 100 AICTE approved Government institutes will be offered WOS/ Scopus accessibility as per their given options and merit list drawn.



Item No. 136.03.02
IDC/ FDC/ StDC

To consider a report of "Dr. DP Agrawal Committee" and approve modifications in the AICTE funded schemes.

The Executive Committee was informed that a four-member committee headed by Dr. DP Agrawal, Ex-Chairman, UPSC was constituted for the purposes of reviewing the existing schemes under AQIS for their efficacy. The EC was also informed that series of meetings and interactions with concerned stakeholders were held at AICTE and other locations for successful completion of the report. Based on the final report submitted by the Committee, modifications in certain schemes as applicable have been carried-out by AICTE to be implemented for the AQIS 2020 - 21. Col.B.Venkat, Director, Faculty Development Cell, briefed with a PPT presentation on the modifications proposed by the aforesaid committee and as proposed for implementation by AICTE to all the members.

The EC while approving the recommendations of the Committee considered and approved the following amendments as proposed by AICTE:

Schemes proposed to be closed.

- Faculty Development Program (FDP)&Short Term Training Program (STTP) in light of ATAL Academy undertaking the same. Being implemented.
- Prerana and Samridhi in light of access being provided to students through NEAT portal. Being implemented.

Schemes proposed to be merged.

- Skill for Personality Development Program to be merged with NEAT.
- INAE - TRF (Teachers Research Fellowship)& QIP (FU) to be merged with QIP scheme.
- Margadarshak scheme to be merged with Margadarshan.
- AICTE- Technical University Joint Training Programs for Librarians to be merged with AICTE- Technical University Joint Training Programs for Teachers.

Schemes proposed for continuation with amendments.

- AICTE - Research Promotion Scheme (RPS). 75% grant to be utilized as non-recurring and 25% grant as recurring. Recurring portion proposed to be used for UG and PG research projects.
- AICTE - Professional Development Fund (Erstwhile Travel Grant). AICTE to prepare a list of quality conferences in all disciplines. Papers accepted in such conferences will immediately get the approval from AICTE.
- AICTE - Quality Improvement Program. Funding upto three lakhs to the QIP faculties for undergoing short research collaboration with high ranked foreign universities for a semester not exceeding more than six months.



- AICTE - ISTE Induction/ refresher Course. Proposed that the numbers of Induction/ refresher Courses under this MOU be increased from present 150 to approx. around 250 per year to have an effective outreach with focus more on Polytechnics.
- AICTE -Pragati. Selection through DTEs for admission to the engineering degree as well for the diploma programs. Further, the number of scholarships be increased from present 4,000 to 10,000.
- AICTE - SAKSHAM scholarship scheme for specially abled student (Degree and Diploma). Selection through DTEs for admission to the engineering degree as well for the diploma programs.
- AICTE - Doctoral Fellowship (ADF), erstwhile NDF. The scheme to be operated through affiliated Technical Universities.
- AICTE-Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROB) Scheme. Institutes which have not been benefitting to be given consideration along with establishment of Fablabs.
- AICTE-Scheme for providing Hostel for Students (SC/ST) and Differently Abled Students. In addition to the construction of hostel, establishment of three more facilities / amenities to be added in the scheme - Gymnasium, Indoor sports club and library.

New proposed schemes.

- AICTE - Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award. With a view to recognize the excellence / best practices / innovativeness by the teachers in higher education centrally at national level, it is proposed that monetary award along with a badge and certificates be constituted. The same be given to 20 teachers per year on the Teachers day centrally at each rank for degree and Diploma institutions (financial effect is Rs 5 Lakhs per year).
- AICTE - Forums for Technical Enhancement and Display. New scheme to spread and propagate information about AICTE activities and schemes using latest and innovative means of technology, in events organized by different agencies.
- AICTE-Scheme for Promoting Interests, Creativity and Ethics among Students (SPICES). new scheme to support students' clubs which will help in the transformation and holistic development of the students. These clubs run by the students cover various techno, management, and cultural activities throughout the year.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee with above-mentioned amendments as proposed by AICTE during deliberations. The EC also appreciated the hard work put in and the contribution of the Committee towards review of AQIS schemes and presentation of the report.



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Item No. 136.03.03
FDC

To consider and approve proposal for "AICTE - Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" to be funded under Non-Plan Head of AICTE

The Executive Committee was informed that at present there is no scheme which identifies extraordinary teachers and recognize the excellence / best practices / innovativeness of such teachers in technical education centrally at national level for AICTE approved Degree and Diploma institutions. Accordingly, introduction of a new scheme "AICTE - Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" is proposed which is aimed to recognize the meritorious faculties on Teachers Day i.e. 5th September every year at National level and encourage them to update themselves to the ever-changing needs of higher education at global level and thereby becoming an effective contributor towards the society.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal involving projected expenditure of Rs. 5,00,000.00 (Rs. Five Lacs only) per year @ Rs. 25,000.00 for 20 faculty selected annually under this new "AICTE - Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" to be funded through Non-Plan Head of accounts of AICTE. The selection of the teachers may be done on the basis of 360-degree feedback which is also a mandatory requirement as per 7th CPC for the benefit career advancement also.

Item No. 136.03.04
Finance Bureau

To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of AICTE for the Financial year 2019-20.

The Executive Committee was informed that this year in spite of COVID-2019 pandemic situation in the country, the compilation of 'Final Accounts' has been completed well in time. Dr. B.L. Rama, Adviser-I, Finance Bureau made a brief PPT presentation enumerating the allocated funds, expenditure, interest earned etc. in various schemes functional under Plan and Non-Plan heads of accounts operated by AICTE.

The Executive Committee appreciated the annual task completed by Dr. B.L. Rama and his team in Finance Bureau, in spite of long lockdown period due to COVID-2019 pandemic. The Executive Committee considered and approved the Annual Accounts of the Council for the Financial Year 2019-20 and also its submission to the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure (DGACE) and Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. Thereafter, the same may be placed along with Certification of Audit of DGAC before both the Houses of the Parliament.

Item No. 136.03.05
SWAYAM Cell

To consider and approve the requirement of fund of Rs.3,74,92,192/- from MHRD for Translation of Twenty-one (21) SWAYAM/NPTEL Online Courses into Eight different Indian Regional Languages in First Phase.

The Executive Committee was informed that MHRD has given a target of 80 online Courses to AICTE/NPTEL for translation into eight different Indian regional languages i.e. Hindi, Tamil,



Malayalam, Kannada, Telegu, Marathi, Bengali and Gujarati in compliance of the decision taken in the Review Meeting chaired by Hon'ble Minister for HRD on 20th April, 2020.

The EC was also informed that it has been decided that while IITM would undertake translation of 26 online SWAYAM/NPTEL courses, AICTE would take up the translation of exclusive 21 Courses for translation into different Indian regional languages. Further, SWAYAM Board in its 4th and 11th Meeting held at MHRD has approved an amount of Rs.10.79 Crore + GST, as applicable, for translation of 1600 hours of Video content into 8 different Indian regional languages i.e. Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Telegu, Marathi, Bengali and Gujarati.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and approved the requirement of fund of Rs.3,74,92,192/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy-Four Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Two only) from MHRD for translation of 21 Courses into 8 different Indian regional languages. Accordingly, AICTE (SWAYAM Cell) may send the requirement of funds to MHRD, so that task of translation may be initiated soon.

Item No. 136.03.06
Administration Bureau

To consider and approve consolidation of strength and designations of hired contractual manpower for floating a tender for engagement of new manpower agency at various offices of AICTE.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE is obtaining manpower for day-to-day clerical/assisting and various other multi-tasks through manpower agencies viz. NIELIT, BECIL etc. which are either government operated/ recognized agencies. The EC in its various earlier meetings has approved manpower requirements of AICTE in its headquarters and Regional Offices(ROs)/Camp Offices (COs).

The Executive Committee considered and approved the consolidated strength as referred in the agenda of requirement of 418 manpower (309 nos. for Headquarters and 109 nos. for ROs/COs), which includes additional manpower requirement against the additional responsibilities transferred by MHRD on AICTE through NEAT Cell, IKS Cell, SWAYAM Cell, Innovation Cell (MIC) etc.

The Executive Committee also approved floating of tender for hiring of manpower under various categories of tasks required by AICTE at its Headquarters and ROs/COs. The EC emphasized that the tender document preparation may be made scrupulously keeping in view the rules involved and unhindered requirement of manpower by AICTE.

Item No. 136.03.07
MIC

To consider and approve the conduct of a national level Common Entrance Test (CET-2020) for PGDM/MBA in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (IEV) by EDII Ahmedabad.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has approved conduct of PGDM/MBA courses in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (IEV) wherein 15 HEIs have been granted approval for AY 2020-21.

The Executive Committee deliberated and decided that AICTE shall conduct the national level common entrance test (CET-2020) for admission to PGDM/MBA in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development. The EC opined that AICTE may conduct such entrance test by devising SOPs and other modalities by engaging experts from institutes running entrepreneurship courses and service provider for an online examination.

Item No. 136.04.01
Approval Bureau

To ratify in the decision in the cases of Institutions for the AY 2020-21 based on re-verification of documents/SAC and grant of LOA to Institutions with LOI in AY 2019-20.

The Executive Committee was informed that apart from the decision in the cases of Institutions for the AY 2020-21 based on re-verification of documents/SAC and grant of LOA to Institutions with LOI in AY 2019-20, Vishwavidyalaya Engineering College, Lakhanpur, Chhattisgarh has been issued EoA based on the letter dated 09-03-2020 of the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 136.05.01
Administration Bureau

To receive the information regarding recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee meetings held on 02nd June 2020 for consideration the promotion for Group 'A' Officers, AICTE.

The Executive received the information.

Item No. 136.05.02
Approval Bureau

To receive the information regarding revised academic calendar for A.Y. 2020-21.

The Executive received the information.

Item No. 136.05.03
E-Gov. Cell

To receive the information on payment of Rs.20,12,500.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred only) by AICTE to INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhi Nagar for Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Programme.

The Executive received the information.

Item No. 136.05.04
Approval Bureau

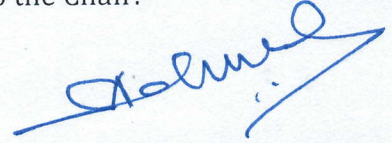
To receive the information on refund of TER charges and Security Deposits to Pharmacy Institutions unwilling to continue with AICTE.

The Executive received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman