Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology (GKCIET), Malda, West Bengal held on 17.01.2024 (Wednesday) at 11.30 AM at Hotel Udman, Panchshila New Delhi

Following members were present in the meeting:

 Shri Prashant Pole 'Maita' 1126, Wright Town Jabalpur – 482002

Chairman

Shri M. M. Singh
 Director, Department of Higher Education.
 Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan
 New Delhi – 110 001
 (Represented JS (TEL), Ministry of Education)

Member (Present through VC)

Shri Uday Kiran
 Under Secretary, Department of Higher Education
 Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan
 New Delhi – 110 001
 (Represented JS & FA, IFD, Ministry of Education)

Member (Present through VC)

 Prof. P. R. Alapati Director, GKCIET, Malda

Member

Prof. Raman K Trivedi
 Dept. of Aquatic Environment Management
 West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences
 5 Budhera Road, New Town, Kolkata

Member

6. Dr. Dipankar Chakraborty
WBSCTE & SD, New Town
Rajarhat, Kolkata
(Represented Principal Secretary, DTE, T&SD)

Member (Present through VC)

 Dr. Sandip Chanda Dean (Faculty Affairs), GKCIET, Malda

Member

 Shri Umesh Chandra Prasad Registrar, GKCIET, Malda

Non-Member Secretary

Hon'ble Chairman, BoG called the meeting to order. Director, GKCIET welcomed all members present in the meeting, introduced the newly joined Registrar and informed that he would become Non-Member Secretary of BoG as per resolution no. BoG 10.6 adopted in its 10th meeting held on 22.09.2017. Thereafter, the Chairman, BoG welcomed all members of the BoG and asked the non-member secretary to present the agenda items for discussion.

(U. C. Prasad)

Non - Member Secretary, BoG

(Parameswara Rao Alapati) Director, GKCIET

(Prashant Pole) Chairman, BoG Agenda Item No. BoG 30.01: To consider and confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 10.12.2023 at 11.45 AM.

Resolution: Confirmed.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.02: To consider the action taken report on the minutes of the 29th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 10.12.2023 at 11.45 AM.

Resolution: Approved. The Chairman advised to fix the timeline for construction of boundary wall and other works. The NBCC should initiate construction work of the boundary wall, complete as much as possible within the financial year 2023 -24 and prioritize other works as per instruction within the time frame.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.03: To consider and confirm the minutes of the 5th meeting of Academic Council of GKCIET, Malda held on 22.12.2023 at 10.30 AM at GKCIET, Narayanpur, Malda.

Resolution: Approved, after a brief discussion.

Agenda Item No. BoG 30.04: To consider the transfer a portion of 3-year diploma seats from Rest of India quota to West Bengal quota for better admissions and use of infrastructure created

Resolution: After a threadbare discussion, considering all aspects including the under-utilization of infrastructure created due to the poor admissions from rest of India quota, BoG resolved to transfer 30% of this portion of 50% sanctioned seats to the students of West Bengal state quota w.e.f. the AY 2025-26 for 3 years. With this the seats allocated to the students of West Bengal through JEXPO becomes 80% of total sanctioned seat strength of 210 in diploma. BoG also resolved to revisit the issue after 3 years from 2025-26, if any improvement takes place in the remaining 20% seats from rest of India quota in diploma module.

Agenda Item No. BoG 30.05: To consider the proposal for establishment of Centre of Excellence (CoE) in AE & FPT systems integrating AI, ML, IoT and internet of things

Resolution: A virtual presentation of the DPR was made by Prof. Kshirod Kumar Dash of AE & FPT department and Dr. Babul Prasad Tiwari of CSE department. Members of BoG have appreciated the efforts to establish this CoE which is highly relevant due to the location of GKCIET in Malda and observed that the DPR needs further refinement in terms of the specific objectives & deliverables as well as on budget part and made few suggestions. BoG asked these two faculty members to include the suggestions made and if required contact experts from other institutions; which will be discussed through VC within next one month before according final approval by the BoG.

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(Parameswara Rao Alapati)
Director, GKCIET

(Prashant Pole) Chairman, BoG Agenda Item No. BoG 30.06: To consider the status of mission mode recruitment at GKCIET, Malda.

Resolution: Approved after a brief discussion and advised the Director to advertise and process for completing recruitment process for the remaining vacancies as well as conduct the process of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for internal qualified faculty members.

Agenda Item No. BoG 30.07: To consider the case of Dr. Debrup Hui, Associate Professor in Physics not possessing the requisite experience at the time of his recruitment in 2019.

Resolution: The BoG noted the replies received from the University of Texas at Arlington & Utah State University, USA; UGC & AICTE, Bharat which have clarified that the experience claimed by Dr. Debrup Hui as TA/RA (GTA/GRA) in USA are not equivalent to that of Assistant Professor as specified in UGC/AICTE norms. Further, it was also noted by the members that Dr. Hui has repeatedly submitted false and misleading information. The MoE nominees specifically asked why the Institute did not take action against Dr. Debrup Hui for submitting false and misleading information. Therefore, Dr. Hui did not fulfil the minimum requirement of 8 years of research experience at the level of Assistant Professor as prescribed in (i) The Gazette of India Notification: Extraordinary of AICTE dated 1st March 2019 vide F. No. 61-1/RFID/7th CPC/2016-17 and (ii) UGC notification no. F. 1-2/2017 (EC/PS) dated 18.07.2018.

Considering all of these aspects, BoG resolved to apply the provisions of DoPT orders vide No. 11012/7/91-EST.(A) dated 19.05.1993 as specified at point no. 2 of these orders in case of Dr. Debrup Hui. Accordingly, the probationary service of Dr. Debrup Hui as Associate Professor in Physics is terminated with immediate effect by paying one month's salary in lieu of notice period.

Agenda Item No. BoG 30.08: To consider the case of Dr. Sudip Kumar Das, Assistant Professor in Food Processing Technology while all of his qualifications were in Chemical Technology.

Resolution: After considering the clarification received from AICTE and advice therein, BoG approved the following expert committee to examine all

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(Parameswara Rao Alapati) Director, GKCIET (Práshant Pole) Chairman, BoG aspects of this case including interaction with Dr. Sudip Kumar Das and submit its recommendation(s).

1. Prof. H. K. Sharma
Professor & Former Director of NIT Agartala
Dept. of Food Engg. & Technology
SLIET, Longowal, Punjab-148106
Member

Member

Member

Chairman, BoG

 Prof. P. Srinivasa Rao Agricultural & Food Engg. Department I.I.T., Kharagpur - 721302

3. Prof. S. N. Naik
Center for Rural Development
I.I.T., Delhi,

 Prof. Vikas Nanda Head, Dept of Food Engg. & Technology SLIET, Longowal, Punjab – 148106

Director, GKCIET may assign one officer of GKCIET to coordinate and provide documents etc., to the committee.

Agenda Item No. BoG 30.09: Reporting Items:

(1) It was reported that one Prof. Sutanu Samanta who has joined the institute in September, 2023 as Professor in Mechanical Engineering has submitted his resignation citing personal reasons and requested for release on 18.01.2024; so as to return back to his parent organization (NERIST, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh) and that he is being released.

Resolution: Noted.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Non - Member Secretary, BoG

(Parameswara Rao Alapati) Director, GKCIET