46TH MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT VSSUT BURLA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

(Hybrid Mode)

Date: 13.02.2024, Tuesday
Time: 03:30 PM
Venue: Conference Hall, SCTEVT, Bhubaneswar

MEMBERS PRESENT

1	Vice Chancellor, VSSUT, Burla, Chairman, Ex-Officio
2	Shri Gangadhar Sahoo, OSD cum Addl. Secretary to Govt, SD&TE Govt. of Odisha
3	Dr. B B Mohanty, Secretary, SCTEVT Bhubaneswar, Representative, DTET Odisha
4	Shri P K Biswal, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department Govt. of Odisha
5	Prof. Damodar Acharya, AICTE Nominee
6	Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, UGC Nominee
7	Prof. S. Karmalkar, Director, IIT, Bhubaneswar
8	Prof. Debadutta Mishra, VC Nominee
9	Prof. Pusparaj Dash, VC Nominee
10	Prof. Sidhartha Panda, Academic Council Nominee
11	Prof. Sanjay K Patro, Academic Council Nominee
12	Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Alumni Representative (Online)
13	Shri Ashesh Padhi, Alumni Representative
14	Shri Pradeep Dang, OAS(S), Registrar, Member Convener
15	Shri Partha Roy, Special Invitee
16	Shri Tularam kalet, COF, Special Invitee

MEMBERS ABSENT

1	Sj. Sarada Prasad Nayak, Minister of Labour and Employees State Insurance Dept., Govt. of Odisha
2	Sj. Sudam Marandi, Minister of School and Mass Education, Govt. of Odisha
3	Prof. Amiya K Rath, Vice-Chancellor, BPUT, Odisha

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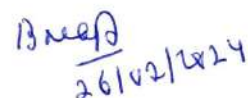## Minutes of the 46th Meeting (Hybrid Mode) of the Board of Management

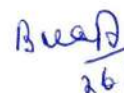**Date: 13.02.2024   Time:03:30 PM   Venue: SCTEVT Conference Hall, Bhubaneswar**

BOM:46-01	To confirm the Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Board of Management held on 30.09.2023 at the Board Room, VSSUT, Burla. **Annexure-1, pp. 1-6** *The Board Confirmed the Minutes of the meeting of the 45th Board of Management.*
BOM:46-02	**Action Taken Report on the 45th Meeting of BOM held on 30.09.2023** **Annexure-2, pp. 7-10** *The BOM has taken note of the Action Taken Report.*
BOM:46-03	Minutes of the 27th Finance Committee meeting held on 07.02.2024 are placed for information and approval of items recommended to BOM. **Annexure-3, pp. 11-15** *The BOM noted the Minutes of the 27th Finance Committee meeting held on 07.02.2024 and approved the items recommended for approval.*
BOM:46-04	Minutes of the 33rd Academic Council Meeting held on 18.12.2023 are placed for information and to approve the items recommended to BOM. **Annexure-4, pp. 16-19** *Resolution:* *The BOM noted the Minutes of the 33rd Academic Council meeting held on 18.12.2023 and approved the items recommended for approval.*

Items for Approval/Recommendations of the Board of Management

BOM:46-05	**To discuss the report submitted by the Performance Review Committee (PRC) (vide 45-BOM-06)** BOM in its 45th Meeting advised to constitute a Performance Review Committee (PRC) to submit a report to be placed in the next meeting of BOM. The PRC Committee has interacted with the faculty members who have been served notice after the performance review of the Annual Appraisal for the Academic year 2022-23. The Committee also interacted with other stakeholders like HoDs, HoSs, and the Vice Chancellor in addition to the collection of relevant documents and submitted a report for the following SIX faculty members (names do not appear due to confidentiality). **Annexure-5, pp. 20-27** *Resolution:* *The BOM deliberated on the PRC report of each faculty. After due deliberations, perusing all the relevant records, and taking all aspects into account, Minutes have been recorded separately considering the confidentiality of the matter.*
BOM:46-06	To consider the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer on the charges framed against one Faculty. The Inquiry Report was placed in the table considering the confidentiality of the matter. **Annexure-6, pp. 28-30**

	Resolution: *The BOM deliberated on the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer. After due deliberations, perusing all the relevant records, and taking all aspects into account, Minutes have been recorded separately considering the confidentiality of the matter.*
BOM:46-07	**Representation of Dr. DC Rao and Others for consideration of their Ph.D. with reference to their applications under CAS held in January 2022 while upgrading from AGP ₹ 7000 to AGP ₹ 8000.** The same committee that submitted the report earlier have been asked to review their decision in regard to the representation made by Dr. DC Rao and others and the report submitted is placed before the Board. **Annexure-7, pp. 31-34** *Resolution:* *The BOM deliberated on the report of the Committee and found that there were no unanimous opinions of all members on the conclusions drawn. Hence BOM suggested the Vice-Chancellor to seek clarification from the SDTE Department.*
BOM:46-08	**Discontinuation of Payment to Faculty of the university for Examination-related works.** The university used to pay for Question Paper Setting, Invigilation, and Evaluation etc. to Faculty earlier. But, the Local Fund Audit has raised an objection which may be reads as follows: *"**Examinership, Invigilation works**: Examinership including invigilation will be a part of the academic duty of the college teachers. They will not be entitled to any remuneration for examination work including invigilation work, setting of question papers, correction of answer scripts etc. That may be assigned to them by the college authorities or by the Universities of the State"* Hence, it is proposed to discontinue payment of remuneration to Faculty for examination-related works from now onwards, however, the payment made so far need not be recovered from faculty. *Resolution:* *The BOM approved the proposal.*
BOM:46-09	**To consider the lien applications of three faculty members of the University.** The following faculty members have been selected for the post of Associate Professor in the institutions as mentioned against each. 1. Dr. Kamal Pal, Associate Professor, Prod. Engg. - NIT, Jamshedpur 2. Dr. Bikramaditya Das, Asst. Professor, ETC - BPUT, Rourkela 3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Sahoo, Asst. Professor, Math - Central Univ., Koraput Granting of Lien will keep the post blocked and regular recruitments will not be possible to be made. Hence it is proposed to grant for six months and no further extension be made. Further, the corresponding lien contribution be made only by the University/Institute on time else the lien will be cancelled. **Annexure-8, pp. 35-61** *Resolution:* *The BOM agreed on the proposal of Lien contributions to be paid by the employer, however, the duration of the lien is to be followed as per the Govt. notification vide no. SDTE-HTE-HTE-II-0054-2021/1797/SDTE, Dated: 25/04/2022.*

BOM:46-10	**Restructuring of the School of Computer Sciences and Courses offered.**

As per the 33rd Academic Council (**AC-2023-33.08**) deliberations and approval made on the suggestions made by the School of Computer Compute Sciences, the following resolutions are made and recommended for approval by BOM.

(a) The existing intake of B.Tech. in Information Technology and Computer Science will be merged and the total intake will be offered for Computer Science and Engineering (120 nos). This is because IT and CSE have 90% of courses in common and CSE is more accepted in the Industry and Academia of repute.

(b) The present qualification norms for MCA students through the OJEE do not restrict the students with poor backgrounds and as a result, it has been observed that poor-quality students are getting admitted. It has also an impact on placement. Further, the MCA course has been modified to two years in contrast to three years as earlier. Considering this, it is suggested to either modify the eligibility criteria for admission or to stop the MCA admission and take the same number of students in Computer Science and Engineering.

However, the necessary decisions be made in consultation and approval from the SD&TE Department.

(c) M.Tech. Programs earlier offered in the IT Department will be dropped and the following M.Tech. Programmes will be offered in the School of Computer Sciences. This is decided considering the present trends and needs of the industry and academia.
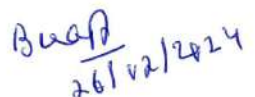
     (i)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: CSE): 36
     (ii)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: AI&ML): 18
     (iii)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: Cyber Security): 18
     (iv)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: Data Sciences): 18
     (v)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: IoT): 18

(d) Considering the IDP implementation, where the main mandate is to increase the B.Tech. intake, The new courses proposed to be offered to be introduced gracefully year by year For the Academic Year 2024-25 the following programmes will be offered after due approval from the SD&TE Department

     (i)   B.Tech. CSE: 120
     (ii)   B.Tech. CSE (Specialisation AI & ML):60
     (iii)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: CSE): 36
     (ii)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: AI&ML): 18
     (iv)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: Data Sciences): 18
     (v)   M.Tech. CSE (Specialization: IOT): 18
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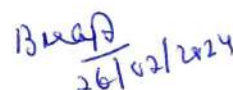
(e) The School of Computer Sciences will have no department and the School will offer the programmes in B.Tech., M.Tech., MCA, and Ph.D. (CSE). The appointments and the services of all the faculty and technical staff members of the present CSE, IT, and MCA Departments are being transferred to the School of Computer Sciences w.e.f. 13/02/2024, the date of the 46th meeting of BOM. Considering their professional growth of faculty, all qualifications and specializations will be taken into account for Direct and CAS recruitment if they fulfil other eligibility criteria as per AICTE norms.

	Resolution: **The BOM approved the proposal and recommended to seek Govt. approval before implementation.**
BOM:46-11	**Request for permission to appeal before the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha relating to Faculty recruitment Guidelines under Direct recruitment and CAS.** Dr. Manas Ranjan Senapati and Others, a set of petitioners from the university had gone to the Hon'ble High Court against notification of a guideline framed taking into consideration the University Statute and AICTE-2019 guidelines for CAS and Direct Recruitment of Faculty. The guidelines were subsequently approved by the SDTE Dept. Govt. of Odisha. The decision went against the university and the SDTE Dept., Govt. of Odisha. This will have an adverse impact on the recruitment of Faculty. The University has decided to appeal before the Division Bench at the Hon'ble High Court for reconsideration of the guidelines framed for the recruitment of Faculty. **Resolution:** **The BOM approved the proposal.**
BOM:46-12	**List of Advocates Empaneled for cases related to the High Court and Other Subordinate Courts.** **Annexure-9, pp. 62** **Resolution:** **The BOM approved the list of advocated empanelled.**
**Items for Post Facto Approval/Ratification/Information of the BOM**
BOM:46-13	The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) held on 10.11.2023 recommended the promotion of 1. Sri Srikanta Mohapatra, Peon to Laboratory Attendant and 2. Sri Sudhansu Sekhar Biswal, Library Gate-Keeper to Laboratory Attendant. Accordingly, they are promoted to the post of Laboratory Attendant vide O.O. No.VSSUT/Estt/3579 dated 04.12.2023 and No.VSSUT/Estt/3577 dated 04.12.2023 respectively. **Annexure-10, pp. 63 - 67** **Resolution:** **The BOM approved the DPC recommendations Post Facto.**
BOM:46-14	**Report of Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) on the petition by a lady faculty** One lady faculty has filed a complaint petition against another male faculty for his inappropriate behaviour and sexual remarks to her. The report submitted by ICC was placed on the Board for perusal. **Annexure-11, pp. 68-72** **Resolution;** **The Board deliberated on the report and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take action in accordance with the provisions of the service rules and the provisions of the Sexual Harassment Act of Women at the Workplace (prevention, prohibition, and redressal) ACT, 2013.**
BOM:46-15	**Nomination of an elected member to the committee meant for Vice Chancellor Selection**

	Resolution: *After due deliberations, the BOM elected one Professor of eminence (name do appear due to confidentiality) to the committee to be constituted by Hon'ble Chancellor for selection of Vice-Chancellor.*
BOM:46-16	**Appointment of Ombudsperson for VSSUT Burla** As per the UGC (Redressal of Grievance of Students) Regulations, 2023, Prof. PC Swain, retired Professor VSSUT Burla has been appointed as the Ombudsperson vide office order no. VSSUT/OOR/118/2024, dated: 03/02/2024 for three years from the date of his joining. **Annexure-12, pp. 73-74** **Resolution:** *BOM approved the proposal.*
BOM:46-17	**Non-submission of End Semester marks of 5th-semester Computer Sc. & Engg (Computer Architecture)** Prof. Rakesh Mohanty, Associate Professor, CSE has not submitted the marks of Computer Architecture of 5th semester CSE students despite several reminders before the publication of results and afterwards. He was asked to return the answer scripts immediately on 07/02/2024 which he failed to comply. The results of the students could not be published on time and students have given representation to this effect. **Annexure-13, pp. 75-89** **Resolution:** *The BOM suggested the followings:* **(a)** *The Vice-Chancellor should take the necessary steps for publication of the results at the earliest* **(b)** *The Vice-Chancellor is authorised to initiate disciplinary actions for dereliction of duty against Dr. Rakesh Mohanty as per the provisions of First Statute of VSSUT and Government Rules.*
BOM:46-18	**Expulsion of a student from the university.** Shri Rajiv Lochan Bag (Roll No 2202020049), a year back student of the university who was involved in indiscipline activities in the Hall of Residence. The Disciplinary Committee recommended for expulsion of Shri Bag from the university. The report is placed before the board for necessary decisions. **Annexure-14, pp. 90-96** **Resolution:** *The recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee is approved.*
BOM:46-19	**To approve the minutes of 39th and 40th meetings of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) held on 06.10.2023 and 07.02.2024 respectively.** **Annexure-15, pp. 97-106** **Resolution:** *The BOM approved the minutes of the meetings.*

REGISTRAR
Convener-cum-Secretary

Bissi 26/02/2024
Vice Chancellor

Chairman