

**MINUTES OF THE 26TH MEETING OF THE BOG
GOVT. ENGINEERING COLLEGE KOZHICODE, WEST HILL
(SELECTED UNDER SUB-COMPONENT 1.1 OF TEQIP PHASE – II)**

Date: 20.12.2021

Time: 02.30 pm

**Venue: ASAP Conference Hall, GECK
(Online Meet)**

Members Present

1. Dr. L. S. Ganesh, IIT Madras (Chairman)
2. Dr. Byjubai T.P., Director Technical Education
3. Dr. Elizabeth Elias, Professor, NIT Calicut (Retd.), Member
4. Dr. Vrinda V Nair , SPFU Director
5. Sri Ajayan C., Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala
6. Dr. Ananda Reshmi S., Controller of Examinations, KTU
7. Dr. Sajith P. P., Principal GEC Kozhikode
8. Dr. Anjana Santhakumar, GEC Kozhikode

Members Absent

1. AICTE Regional Officer & Director, AICTE Nominee.
2. Sri. Santhosh Kurup, CEO, ICT Academy of Kerala, Member.

Dr. L S Ganesh, Honourable Chairman (Board of Governors), presided over the meeting. The Principal of GECK, Dr. Sajith P.P, welcomed all the members to the meeting. The items were taken for discussion and approval, as per the agenda note.

Minutes

PART A: Procedural

Item No. A1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 25th meeting of the BOG held on 12.07.2021.

The minutes of the BOG meeting held on 12.07.2021 were read and confirmed.

PART B: Status Reports

Item No. B2: Current faculty position of the institution

The Honourable Chairman enquired about the nature of current vacancies of Faculty, the mode and extent of delay in filling such vacancies and expressed the willingness of the Board to intervene in the interests of students, if there is an inordinate delay in filling the vacancies of permanent nature. The TEQIP Coordinator replied to the query, and the Director of Technical Education added that presently, fresh Assistant Professors are being appointed to fill all vacancies of permanent nature.

Item No. B3: Review of actions taken on the decisions of the 25th BoG meeting

- Commencement of B.Tech Program in Computer Science and Design, and M.Tech Program in Structural Engineering.

The Academic Expert Dr Elizabeth Elias, enquired the reason for the non-commencement of the above courses - to which the Principal replied that Government approval was not received possibly due financial stringency policy of the Government. This was affirmed by the Secretary of Higher Education, Sri Ajayan, who added that the above courses are likely to receive Government sanction in the forthcoming academic year. The Chairman explained the advantages of starting Online Courses with Government permission and said it would be requested of the Principal and Dean to take up this matter and submit appropriate proposals to the Government so that learning could be made more flexible.

The idea was welcomed by the Additional Secretary, Higher Education.

Item No. B4: Reports on activities

The TEQIP coordinator presented the details of admissions, results, placements, higher studies and faculty achievements.

Item No. B4.1: Admissions 2021-2022

The Board members expressed deep concern regarding the poor Admission ranks especially, that of AE&I. The Chairman insisted on urgently analysing this problem at a grass root level since the low ranks in AEI led to other disastrous effects such as low pass percentages and subsequently, low placement rates.

Item No. B4.2: Result Analysis

The Board members were alarmed at the low pass percentage of third Semester especially in the AEI branch and also the fifth semester results of ECE branch. The Academic expert, Dr Elizabeth suggested proper use of Remedial Classes and organisation of Student Learning Groups for improving the academic performance of students. The low eligibility rates for Placements were also discussed in detail.

Item No. B4.3: Placement / Higher Studies Statistics

The Board emphasised the need to seriously look into the low placement rate as well as GATE Qualifying rates as these finally reflect in the poor admission ranks/ student options of GEC Kozhikode.

Item No. B4.7.6: Research Activities under Seed Money Project

The Academic Expert opined that Seed Money Projects could be apt stepping stones to bigger Projects and TEQIP four funds for Seed Money Projects should be leveraged by all Faculties. The Board members expressed deep concern over transfers being impediments to the smooth implementation of Seed Money projects in Government Engineering Colleges.

Item No. B4.9: Major Achievements

The Board members congratulated Dr. Pradeep V, Professor and Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering for the Patent on Twin Injector System for Two stroke Engines and desired to be informed of the technology transfer. Prof. Francis J Emmatty, Assistant Professor, ME Department was also applauded for his Patent on Multipurpose Waste Picker. The Board also appreciated the conduct of Yukthi- 2021- International Conference.

Item No. B5: Facility Development

New Location for the Institute: The Board members expressed their gladness regarding the finalisation of the location for the New Campus at Kumulli, near Atholi. The Chairman advised that after obtaining Government sanction, it would be wise to fence the land to demarcate the boundaries properly so as to prevent illegal encroachments.

Item No. B6: Finance report: Status of Four Funds

The TEQIP coordinator presented the current status of TEQIP Four funds highlighting that inclusive of the committed amount, 88.8% of the allotted funds would be expended by January 31, 2022. The Academic Expert commented that this would be looked into in the next BoG meeting. The board approved the financial statement of TEQIP II four funds.

The SPFU Director instructed the TEQIP Coordinator to get the Sanction Registers ready by the first week of January 2022 so as to continue with the online TEQIP Four Funds audit approval process of GECK.

PART C

(Future Activities / Proposals)

The TEQIP Coordinator informed that there were several new proposals, all of which were of the conventional type such as faculty and staff development programs, training for students, maintenance and replacements of items purchased under TEQIP II. The Board approved the same, as per the existing guidelines.

PART D

(Other Items)

D1: CLARIFICATIONS

- **Part-time Ph. D Fee Heads:** With respect to the confusion in the reimbursement of PhD fees, due to the varied nomenclature in the fee receipts, the Chairman opined that after a preliminary screening of the various applications by the TEQIP GECK, he is willing to take up the matter on a case by case basis. Instructions were given to mail the Chairman scanned copies of individual applications and fee receipts. The SPFU Director suggested implementing a ceiling on the amount granted to each applicant to ensure that the benefits of TEQIP Four Funds reach more Faculties. A ceiling of Rs.10, 000 / faculty per year for the reimbursement of part time Ph.D. fee subject to the submission of actual fee receipt, was also suggested in the meeting.
 - **MOOC Course Registration Fees:** The Board readily agreed to reimbursing both the Registration fee of Rupees Two thousand and Course fee of Rupees Eight thousand for eight courses as it is in line with the proper utilization of TEQIP Funds for supporting Learning activities of the Faculty.
 - The next BoG meeting is scheduled for April 2022.
 - The Honourable BoG Chairman advised to communicate to the Board, timely information regarding various milestones crossed by GECK, till then.
 - At the end of the meeting, the respected Director of Technical Education spoke briefly expressing gladness to be physically present in the meeting. The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm with the Vote of thanks, delivered by the TEQIP Coordinator.
- <End of Minutes>**