Minutes of the 29th Meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) of Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology Held at 11.45 pm on 12.10.2023 at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi

Following members were present in the meeting

1. Shri Prashant Pole

Chairman

'Maita' 1126, Wright Town

Jabalpur – 482 002

2. Prof. Virendra Kumar Tewari

Member

Director, IIT Kharagpur

Kharagpur

(Present online through VC)

3. Shri Govind Jaiswal, IAS

Member

Joint Secretary (TEL)

Department of Higher Education

Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan

New Delhi - 110 001

4. Shri Uday Kiran

Member

Under Secretary, IFD

Department of Higher Education

Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan

New Delhi 110 001

(Represented JS&FA, IFD, Ministry of Education)

5. Prof. Raman Kumar Trivedi

Member

Dept. of Aquatic Environment Management

West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences

5 Budherhat Road, New Town, Kolkata

6. Prof. Shyam Sundar Pattnaik

Special Invitee

Head, Department of Media Engineering

NITTTR, Chandigarh

(Former Director of NITTTR, Chandigarh)

7. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee

Special Invitee

Dean (Faculty Affairs)

National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya

Shillong

8. Dr. Sandip Chanda

Member

GKCIET, Malda

Prof. P. R. Alapati

Member Secretary

Director, GKCIET, Malda - 732141

Hon'ble Chairman, BoG called the meeting to order. Director, GKCIET & Member Secretary of BoG welcomed Shri Prashant Pole, Chairman who has recently taken the charge of Chairman, BoG of GKCIET; Shri Govind Jaiswal, JS(Tel); welcomed & thanked Prof. V. K. Tewari who had guided the institute as Chairman, BoG for nearly 2 years; and welcomed all other members present in the meeting.

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Thereafter, Hon'bel Chairman, BoG welcomed all members of the BoG and asked the member secretary to present the agenda items for discussion. Then, the Member secretary presented the agenda items for discussion.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.01: To consider and confirm the minutes of the 28th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 01.04.2023 at 11.30 AM

Resolution: Approved

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.02: To consider action taken report on the minutes of the 28th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 01.04.2023 at 11.30 AM

Resolution: Approved, after a brief discussion on the current status of the Money suit filed (resolution on agenda item no. FC:19.03) and a suggestion from the JS(TEL) to take steps so as to ensure that the money is recovered with interest whenever the case is won.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.03: To consider and confirm the minutes of 12th meeting of B&WC, GKCIET, Malda held on 01.10.2023 at 10.00 am pm at GKCIET, Malda

Resolution: Approved

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.04: To consider and confirm the minutes of the 19th meeting of Finance Committee of GKCIET, Malda held on 12.10.2023 at 10.30 AM at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi

Resolution: Director briefed the BoG about the recommendations of the FC on different agenda items of FC (agenda items are also placed before BoG) and that the minutes of the FC would be circulated soon.

Resolution: Approved

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.05: To consider the final drawings and BoQ prepared by M/s NBCC Limited for construction of Hostel Buildings (one for Boys and one for girls), Students Amenities Centre (SAC), roads and boundary wall

Resolution: Approved, after a threadbare discussion, with a suggestion for giving top priority to get the construction of boundary wall completed within this financial year (2023-24) and continue the construction of other buildings etc., one after the other on a vertical completion mode. The work order to be issued to NBCC limited should reflect this aspect.

Further, JS (TEL) emphasized and other members agreed on identifying at least one upcoming area where the institute can establish a state of the art center in its strong area and develop it as a center of excellence. After a brief discussion and the inputs from the Director about funding of Rs. 1.49 crore received from MSME for establishing a live Food

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Professing line by FPT department and the newly started internships in AI & ML by CSE department, it was agreed that a concept paper on such a proposal integrating the research activities of the FPT department and CSE department shall be prepared by the Director as soon as possible and discuss in the BoG through online meeting, if required.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.06: To consider construction of sewerage and drainage system at GKCIET, Malda

Resolution: Approved, in principle, and suggested also to get a master plan of the Campus prepared including the drainage/sewerage and central STP

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.07: To consider the renewal of contract period on Indian Exservicemen league to provide security services at GKCIET, Malda for a period of two years

Resolution: After a thorough discussion and considering the audit comments on this issue, BoG approved the procurement of these services through GeM as per GFR, while giving priority to Ex-servicemen and past service.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.08: To consider the tender processing for identifying an outsourcing agency for providing cleaning, sweeping, mali and other services at GKCIET, Malda for a period of two years

Resolution: Approved to complete the engagement process by 31.12.2023

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.09: To consider the status of mission mode recruitment at GKCIET

Resolution: Approved, after a brief discussion and advised to prepare a road map and plan action for obtaining Deemed to be University status as soon as possible .

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.10: To consider the case of Dr. Debrup Hui, Associate Professor in Physics not possessing the requisite experience at the time of his appointment in 2019

Resolution: BoG resolved, in principle, to apply the provisions of relevant DoPT orders on this Matter as he falls short of 4 years of experience in research at a level equivalent to that of Assistant Professor as per AICTE/UGC norms; even after considering his post doctoral research experience as equivalent to that of Assistant Professor. However, in his reply submitted on 08.08.2023 in response to Memo No. GKCIET/10461 dated 21(24).07.2023, Dr. Debrup Hui claimed a total experience of 40 months as TA & RA (some sort of proof enclosed for 28 months only) and 02 months of Data Analyst in USA while studying in MS and doing Ph.D as well as 03 months of SRF in a project in Kolkata, Bharat. On the insistence of Prof. Raman K Trivedi, BoG agreed to seek clarification from AICTE on the aspect of equivalence of TA/RA/JRF/SRF as experience at the level of Assistant Professor for the purpose of appointment to the post of Associate Professor as prescribed in the AICTE/UGC norms applicable from 2019 onwards (as detailed in agenda note).

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Agenda Item No. BoG 29.11: To consider the case of Dr. Sudip Kumar Das, Assistant
Professor in the Department of Food Processing Technology
while all of his qualifications were in Chemical Engineering

Resolution: BoG resolved, in principle, to apply the provisions of relevant DoPT orders on this Matter. However, as in the case of agenda item no. BoG 29.10, it was agreed by BOG to seek clarification on the aspect of eligibility of this candidate to the post of Assistant Professor in Food Processing Technology while possessing Chemical Engineering qualifications from AICTE.

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.12: To consider the Annual Report of GKCIET for the year 2022-23

Resolution: Approved

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.13:

1. To consider the appointment of an audit firm for internal audit purpose

Resolution: Noted

2. To consider the Audit report (SAR & IR) of C & AG, Kolkata for the year 2022-23

Resolution: Noted

Agenda Item No. BoG 29.14: Any other Items with the permission of the Chair

1. To Consider the conversion of designation of two faculty members from Lecturer to Assistant Professor

Director briefed the BoG about the background of the case that two lecturers appointed (Smt. Smita Ananad and Triambak Kumar Ojha) with B. Tech qualification during 2013-14 and that while considering the confirmation of probationary services of all employees (65 of them) recruited during 2013-14, BoG in its 23rd Meeting vide resolution no. BoG 23.07 resolved that these two employees can be considered for confirmation after conversion of their designation to Assistant Professor only. Both of them were allowed to complete M. Tech by July 2023 and also allowed study leave as resolved in the same BoG. Now, both of them have completed M. Tech degrees in their respective subjects (EE & CSE, respectively) and requested for conversion of their designation to Assistant Professor.

Resolution: Approved, after a brief discussion as a one-time measure, as approved in $23^{\rm rd}$ BoG meeting

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1. To consider the purchase of a vehicle for ambulance purpose

Director explained about the need for a dedicated ambulance round the clock, in view of the fact that with the allotment of hostels and staff quarters about one year ago, total persons living on campus has become more than 550 round the clock and 1000+ persons during the working hours. Few emergency situations occurred during the night time recently in hostels and the delay in arrival of ambulance from Malda town and that a 24x7 ambulance service has become essential.

Resolution: After a thorough discussion about various possibilities of arranging the ambulance service BoG approved the following options.

- (i) Purchase of a dedicated vehicle with all essential requirements of an ambulance, after discussing and ensuring the maintenance of the ambulance facility with the CMO of Malda Medical, General Hospital.
- (ii) Failing the option (i) then procure the service through outsourcing after following codal formalities and GFR.

To consider the nomination of outside Experts by BoG on Finance Committee (FC) and Buildings & Works Committee (B&WC)

Director informed the BoG that as per the provisions of Memorandum of Association of GKCIET, Malda, the term of outside experts nominated by BoG earlier on FC and B & WC is likely to be completed by November 2023 and therefore new members need to be nominated on both of these committees of GKCIET.

Resolution: After a brief discussion, following outside experts were nominated by BoG on Finance Committee and Buildings & Works Committee;

(A) On Finance Committee:

- (i) Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda Director, CEC New Delhi – 110 016
- (ii) Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi
 Director,
 National Institute of Technology
 NH 58, Srinagar, Uttarakhand, 246174

(B) On Buildings & Works Committee

- (i) Prof. Siby John
 Dept. of Civil Engg&Dy Director,
 Punjab Engg College, Sector 12, Chandigarh 160012
- (ii) Prof. R. K. Sahu
 Dept. of EEE ,Veer Surendra Sai Univ. of Technology
 Burla, Orissa

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Member Secretary

(Prashant Pole) Chairman

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