

B. V. RAJU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES OF 36TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

December 18, 2021

The 36th Governing Body Meeting was held on 18th December, 2021 at 11.30am in the Conference Hall, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Block. The following members were present:

Sri R. Ravichandran	Vice Chairman, SVES & Member
Sri K. Aditya Vissam	Secretary, SVES & Member
Dr. B.S. Murty	Member
Sri V. Rajanna	Member
Dr. R.K. Agrawal	Member
Dr. K. Ramamohan Reddy	Member
Dr. G.E. Suhasini	Member
Sri V.R. Ramakanth	Member
Dr. Sanjay Dubey	Member
Sri J. Bangarraju	Member
Dr. K. Lakshmi Prasad	Member Secretary

In the absence of the Chairman, Sri R. Ravichandran, the Vice-Chairman chaired the session and welcomed all the honorable members who have attended online and offline.

He thanked all the members for participating inspite of their busy schedules, and by welcomed the new members of the Governing Body – Dr. R.K. Agrawal, Nominee from UGC and Dr. Sanjay Dubey, Member from BVRIT.

Vice Chairman and other members paid tributes to Dr. E. Laxmi Narsaiah, the earlier member of the Governing Body who passed away recently.

Vice chairman requested the Principal to present the agenda.

The Principal welcomed the honorable members of the governing body for the 36th governing body meeting and extended greetings to all the members.

The Governing Body discussed and ratified the following points from meeting agenda:

1. To confirm and approve the minutes of the 35th Governing Body Meeting held on 09th January, 2021

The governing body deliberated on the action taken report based on the recommendations by members during the 35th Governing Body meeting held on 09.01.2021. The measures taken by the institute were ratified by the members and documented as action taken report.

2. Academic Affairs

Institutional Front

Principal presented the Academic affairs including the approval of new UG and PG courses for the academic year 2021-22, Intake, Admission status for UG and PG courses, Accreditations, Recognitions, Amendments to R20 Regulations & Curriculum, B.Tech. Honors & Minors Degree Program status, Academic Calendars, Review of Strategic Plan 2020-2025, MOUs and VEDIC Activities of the Institute during January to December 2021 to the members.

- Vice Chairman and the other members appreciated on the admission status and suggested few measures for improving the admissions in core Departments like BME, MECH, CIV and CHE.
- Dr. B.S. Murty enquired on the freedom of flexibility in curriculum development and implementation and explained the best practice of IITH by introducing a semester long internship opportunity and industry interaction for the students in 6th semester itself to inculcate interest among students of core departments and ways to attract good number of students for admissions.
- Dr. B.S. Murty suggested having a PRO for advertising and enlightening all stake holders the best practices of the Institute. He suggested establishing centers of excellence in core departments. He also suggested organizing industry oriented guest lectures by inviting CEOs, and other top personalities. He also felt that establishing student exchange programs with foreign universities will benefit the students and increase the admissions. The

Principal explained that industry oriented guest lectures are conducted in all the departments at regular intervals and the vice-chairman explained the understanding with UNB, Canada for students' higher education, internship and placement opportunities.

- For improving admissions in M.Tech programs, Dr. B.S. Murty suggested to contact and identify the real time problems in industry for pursuing the projects in second year of M.Tech with the help of supervisors. Sri V.R.Ramakanth suggested designing PG programs based on specializations and initiate branding for increasing the employability. The principal explained that all the admitted students in PG are getting employed.
- During the discussion related to Honors and Minors program, Dr. B.S. Murty enquired the possibility of introducing Double Degree program with additional credits. The principal replied by explaining that B.Tech with Honors or Minors Degree was introduced in 2020 as a part of R20 Regulations. The same is modified as per the JNTUH guidelines. The Honors and Minors program shall be introduced 2022-23 onwards.
- Sri V. Rajanna suggested wide publicity on Placements of core department students for attracting the students for admissions. He expressed that the departments like MECH and CIV are vital for the society in producing core engineers. Sri V. Rajanna suggested the leadership to interact with various companies like L&T, Mahindra, TATA Projects, TATA Advanced Systems, and other medical device companies for students' internships and placement opportunities. Further Sri V.Rajanna expressed that he will connect the institution with these companies.
- Dr. K.Rammohan Reddy, while appreciating the progress, requested to conduct "Open day" every year for two days there by inviting all the school and intermediate students to the campus and explain the present and future scope of different engineering courses. This will enrich the branding of institution and there by assist in admissions.

Students Front

- Sri V.R. Ramakanth expressed that the involvement of Alumni in providing internship opportunities, Alumni – student mentorship programs will create more awareness and attracts students for admissions in core departments. The

tie-ups with connected hospitals for students' practical exposure and projects will increase the number of admissions in department like BME.

- Further Sri V.Ramakanth expressed his willingness to take lead in connecting to Alumni and personally spare his time for improving quality of admissions in BME.
- Sri. V.R. Ramakanth enquired the status of Coursera, Udemy, Edx and the learning pathways. The principal explained that 400 Coursera subscriptions for students and faculty members are active with different specializations and learning pathways at a subsidized price as the Management is bearing 70% of the subscription fee. Sri V. Rajanna expressed that the Government of Telangana is expected to take a decision on the huge discounts for Coursera subscription for higher educational institutions and requested to be inwards with JNTUH.
- Principal presented the recent examination results, status of placements & internships, students' achievements to the honorable members. The members appreciated the same. Dr. B.S. Murty enquired the reason for less pass percentage of students in BME when compared to that of other branches and suggested to incorporate practical expertise to improve the results. He also suggested taking the support of alumni in increasing the number of internships and placements.

Faculty Front

Principal presented the faculty details, faculty retention and faculty achievements to the honorable members.

- The members appreciated the same and requested to attract Ph.D faculty from National institutions and the number of Ph.Ds should improve.

3. Research & Development Activities

Principal presented the research and development activities carried out at the institute in terms of publications, funded and sponsored projects, consultancy activities, books/ book chapters, and patents.

- Dr. B.S. Murty suggested that publications can be improved by giving some freedom to the teachers in teaching. He explained the IITH's best practice of creating RDF (Research and Development Fund) for each faculty which is

useful for their research.

- Dr.B.S.Murty suggested to adjust the workload of identified research people for 4 days and keep two days free only for research.
- He also explained the maintenance of REMF (Research Equipment Maintenance Fund) for maintenance and modernization of various research equipment facilities.
- He also explained the importance of IITH's BUILD (Bold and Unique Ideas Leading to Development) Project for developing projects, applications, products and so on. He also suggested to encourage and set a goal for the all the non doctoral degree holding faculty members to complete their Ph.D.
- He also suggested establishing a Patent Cell to bring awareness and conduct orientation sessions at regular intervals to decide what can be patented and getting the grants.
- Dr. R.K.Agrawal, while appreciating the progress of the Institute requested to take steps for improving number of publications. He felt that the institution has to take necessary steps in improving quality publications.

4. Infrastructure Development

Principal presented the infrastructural development during January – December 2021 and the proposed developments to the honorable members.

- The members appreciated the same.

5. Proposal for 2022-23

Principal proposed the introduction of new UG course B.Tech in Cyber Security for the A.Y 2022-23.

He also proposed the strength enhancement in existing UG courses: B.Tech CSE(AI&ML), B.Tech CSE(DS) and B.Tech in AI&DS from 60 to 120 for the A.Y 2022-23.

He also informed that the Institution is looking for new cutting edge courses proposed by AICTE for 2022-23.

He requested the members to authorize chairman of the governing body to take appropriate decision regarding introduction of new courses and increase in intake in some of the existing programs, reduction in intake/ closure of any UG or PG course.

- Members approved the same and authorized the Chairman of Governing Body to take a decision in this regard.

6. Income and Expenditure details for 2020-21 & Budget proposals for 2021-22

Principal presented the income and expenditure details for F.Y 2020-21 and the budget for F.Y 2021-22.

- The members appreciated the same.

Dr. G.Suhasini, while expressing satisfaction on the progress of the Institution appreciated the outcomes.

7. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- Principal explained that by envisioning the potential of Pharmaceutical Engineering (PHE) and its opportunities, the members of Governing Body in the 35th Governing Body Meeting have decided that Bi.Pc students at 10+2 shall also be given eligibility for admission in to B.Tech. Pharmaceutical Engineering. Based on those recommendations, the institution has applied for the eligibility of Bi.PC students also for admission into PHE and got the approval from Higher education, Govt. of Telangana. 50% of the seats for Bi.PC students and 50% for MPC students have been allotted through Convener quota. Based on the Recommendations of the members in the 35th GB meeting, the syllabus is redesigned and put for approval of respective BOS.
- Principal explained that the management felicitated the teaching and non teaching staff who have completed 10 years of service in this organization on the occasion of centennial birth anniversary of the founder chairman Dr. B.V. Raju garu.

As there are no points for discussion,

Principal thanked the honorable Vice Chairman and all other members for attending the meeting and for their active participation in the deliberations.


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