

Minutes of The 2nd Meeting of the Board of Governance of COEP Technological University, Pune held on Saturday, 1st October 2022 at Bharatratna Sir Visvesvaraya Conference Hall, Main Building, COEP Tech. campus, Shivajinagar, Pune -411 005

The **SECOND (2nd)** meeting of the Board of Governance of the University was held on **Saturday-1st October 2022, at 11.30am at Bharatratna Sir Visvesvaraya Conference Hall, Main Building, COEP Tech. campus, Shivajinagar, Pune -411 005.** The following members were present.

PRESENT IN PERSON:

1.	Shri. Pratap Pawar	Chairman
2.	Dr. Anand Deshpande	Member
3.	Dr. Karbhari Kale	Member
4.	Prof. N.B. Pasalkar	Member
5.	Prof. S. T. Vagge	Member
6.	Prof. M. J. Rathod	Invitee
7.	Prof. B. G. Birajdar	Invitee
8.	Prof. Mrs. Jibi Abraham	Invitee
9.	Prof. Sudhir Agashe	Invitee
10.	Dr. Mrs. Meera Murli	Invitee
11.	Prof. M.S. Sutaone	Officiating Director (Member Secretary)

PRESENT THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING:

1.	Dr. Pramod Chaudhari	Member
2.	Shri Sanjay Inamdar	Member

Shri Pratap Pawar, Chairman of the Board of Governors, after gracing the chair for the day, requested all the members present through video conferencing to make the following affirmations:

- Full name
- Location
- That they had received the agenda and all members are attending the meeting and having access to the proceedings of the meeting at their respective location and that they can clearly receive the video and audio communication, through the online mode.

Shri Vikaschandra Rastogi-Principal Secretary- Dept. of H & TE, Govt. of Maharashtra and Prof. Sanjay Dhande, could not participate in the meeting, owing to their prior commitments and hence Leave of absence was granted to both of them.

The Chairman initiated the meeting with formal welcome to all the members and shared that Prof. Mukul Sutaone, the Officiating Director of COEP, has been appointed as the First Vice Chancellor of COEP Technological University (COEP Tech), by the Government of Maharashtra, vide its order no. dated 29th September 2022. The Chairman further informed that this appointment shall be for a period of one year from the date on which Prof. Sutaone assumes the charge or the Hon. Chancellor appoints the regular Vice chancellor through the formal selection process, whichever happens earlier. All the members present

at the meeting congratulated Prof. Sutaone for assuming his new role for COEP Tech. and wished him the best for this assignment.

The meeting then started with items on agenda as under:

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the First Meeting of the BoG of the COEP Tech held on Friday-29th July 2022.

The minutes of the 1st meeting of the Board (as appended at APPENDIX- 1) held on Friday-29th July 2022, were circulated amongst all the Board members, on email, along with the notice of the said meeting. It was noted that no comments have been received on the minutes circulated so far.

Board considered the minutes and passed the following resolution:

R-2/1/2022: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Board held on 29th July, 2022.

Item 2: Actions taken on the ASSORTED minutes of the 1st meeting of BOG held on 29th July 2022.

The Board noted the actions taken on various resolutions/decisions in the 1st Board meeting, held on 29th July 2022.

- 2.1 Official announcement of formation of new 'Board of Governance' of COEP Technological University, Welcome to the Board Members and Approving the 'Logo' of the University.**
The new Logo and Seal of the COEP University have been finalized after accommodating suggestions/inputs of the members. The Board noted the same.
- 2.2 Guidance on Formation of various Authorities/Councils/Committees and nominations on these Authorities/Councils/Committees as per provisions in the Act.**
Since the formation of various Authorities/Councils/Committees is linked with the appointment of the First Vice Chancellor, this item was decided to be DEFERRED for the time being. The Board noted the same and RESOLVED accordingly.
- 2.3 Formation of 'Statutes Committee' as per provisions of the Act.**
Since the formation of the Statutes Committee is linked with the appointment of the First Vice Chancellor, this item was decided to be DEFERRED for the time being. The Board noted the same and RESOLVED accordingly.
- 2.4 Guidance on Formation of various Schools as per the Act.**
Item will be taken up in the next immediate Academic Council Meeting for discussions and resolution. The Board noted the same
- 2.5 Transitory Appointments/Nominations of various Officers as per provisions in the Act.**
Since the Transitory Appointments/Nominations of various Officers are linked with the appointment of the First Vice Chancellor, this item was decided to be DEFERRED for the time being. The Board noted the same.



2.6 Discussion on Admission Process for FY-B.Tech., FY-M.Tech., PhD and other academic Programs

The Government Resolutions (GRs) have been issued in due time honouring the resolutions of the Board. The Board noted the same and thanked the Government and.

2.7 Appraisal on the Clauses related to 'Savings' as per Section-87 of the Act.

The Board noted the same.

2.8 Resolving on the closure of College of Engineering Pune Society (earlier registered as with Charity Commissioner as Pune Institute of Engineering and Technology Society, Pune).

The action has been initiated and the Board noted the same.

2.9 Reporting on the present HR status of the COEP Technological University

The action has been initiated by the Government and the Board noted the same.

R-2/2(a)/2021: The Board **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the new seal and logo of COEP Technological University.

R-2/2(b)/2021: The Board **RESOLVED** to defer the formation of various Authorities/Councils/Committees and nominations on these Authorities/Councils/Committees as per provisions in the Act, also formation of 'Statutes Committee', and the Transitory Appointments/Nominations of various Officers till the appointment of First Vice Chancellor for the University.

Item 3. Presentation on Examination Results and the relevant Analysis of Graduating Batches of AY 2021-22 (All UG and PG Programs) and Seeking Approval on the Lists of 'Passing Certificate Awardees' and Program-wise Toppers/Rank Holders

The Board noted that the 16th batch of B.Tech students (2022 pass outs) and 19th batch of M.Tech students (2022 pass outs) of erstwhile COEP have successfully completed their academic programs under autonomous status of the Institute.

Dean-Academics and Controller of Examinations presented the program-wise lists of successful candidates, in the immediate past (11th) Academic Council (AC) meeting of the erstwhile COEP, held on 12th September 2022, along with the detailed results analysis in terms academic performance (average CGPA of the class) and success rate, i.e. roll out ratio, and list of UG branch-wise toppers, to be honored with Gold medals. All such students are eligible for the award of B.Tech and M.Tech degrees of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) and the 'Passing Certificates' from the Institute. The corresponding Resolutions of the Academic Council were be tabled at the Board meeting along with the Toppers list for the award of Institute Gold Medals to B.Tech graduates discipline wise.

Dean-Academics made a presentation to the Board on the program-wise lists of successful candidates. While on the topic, Mr. Anand Deshpande, suggested that industry people, in the form of their association with the University as CEP learners, need to be added to class of students as peers. This will facilitate the students to interact with the industry personnel and have a practical experience. Efforts need to

be made to work on the model for admission of such working professionals, he added. He further suggested that the students need to be trained on the topics such as 'How to manage your money/cash: Personal Money/funds Management'.

After due deliberation, Board considered and approved the following resolution:

R-2/2/2022: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the detailed results analysis in terms academic performance and success rate, i.e. roll out ratio, and list of UG branch-wise toppers, to be honored with Gold medals. The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE** that all such students are eligible for the award of B.Tech and M.Tech degrees of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) and the 'Passing Certificates' from the Institute.

Item 4. Presentation on Placements-AY -2021-22 and the relevant Statistics (All UG and PG Programs):

The Training and Placement Officer (TPO) of erstwhile COEP presented, the discipline-wise students' placement statistics, accomplished through on campus drive, for the batches of all UG and PG programs, passing out in AY 2021-22, in terms of number of companies visiting the campus, classification of companies and job offers such as software, core, dream, super-dream etc., and the other analyses based on the data.

The Board noted that the Training and Placement Cell undoubtedly demonstrates an illustrious performance in terms of number and quality of placements through on-campus drive. The members advised the TPO to analyse the reasons for low placement percentage in certain streams such as Civil Engg, and Metallurgical Engg. and B.Planning. Such analyses shall help to understand as to what type of technical and inter-personal skills are required in the job market today, the members opined.

Also the members observed a gap in the salary offered or CTC offered by the recruiters in circuit branches compared to the recruiters in non-circuit branches, and emphasized on the need for placement to core domain also not only in the ICT service sector. They suggested that for students of Metallurgy and Civil Engg., there is a need to get a rigorous sponsored/in-house project work and sufficient hands-on skills, as a part of their regular studies so that they get hands on experience while studying.

The Board also reviewed the tie-ups with various companies in the presentation made by TPO and discussed on reasons as to why the placements in certain sectors are going up or why are they going low in some other sectors. It was further noted by the members that multi-national companies coming for placement look for and give importance to communication/presentation skills, professional ethics/values in the students and accordingly emphasis needs to be given to such training/skills as a part of curricular studies.

The Board also noted Asia to Japan- A to J initiative taken by Prof. Rathod. In this initiative, Japanese language is taught to the interested students to help them in placements in Japanese companies, at Japan. The employability skills enhancement program delivered to the students in collaboration with Wadhvani Foundation, right from their First year B.Tech was also appreciated by the members. Similarly the issue of students' sustained interest/motivation in studies in their 7th/8th semester, after they



secure their placement after 3rd year, was also discussed. It was noted that there was a need to keep such students motivated to study in fourth year, and the members emphasized on relevant and strong curriculum at 4th year, which will add value to the learning/take way of the students, post their early placement.

The Board also touched on the issue of anticipated global recession, next year, wherein the students may face a situation of reduced opportunities for jobs and it was also discussed to have a working plan to handle such probable situation. Major Job acquisitions could also happen off-campus, based on a set of certain multi-disciplinary skills, and may not confine to the curricular knowledge acquired by the learners while studying their particular branch of Engineering/Technology, the members cautioned. The on-campus education may become irrelevant and redundant in such scenario.

The Board further guided to track on number of students willing to opt for higher studies and research. They emphasized the need to encourage B.Tech students to pursue such career track, and suggested to have a scheme of research scholarships to such students so that they can sustain. The Chairman suggested to chalk out the effective action plan in this regard.

After due deliberation, the Board expressed satisfaction on the Placement Analyses and guided that the above deliberation be shared with the Academic Council for associated actions.

Item 5. Approval on new Executive M.Tech. Programs in 'Cyber Security' and 'DataScience', to be initiated in the COEP Tech. University, for Working Professionals:

The Officiating Director updated that, with the conferment of the University status, the magnitude and spectrum of academic empowerment to the organization (COEP Tech.) has expanded phenomenally. In alignment with the 'Objects of the University' (Section 4 of the COEP Tech. Act) and in accordance with the 'Powers and Duties' of the University (Section 5 of the COEP Tech. Act), the University can initiate and execute any novel academic program for the learners across the wide cross section of the Society, with the award of degrees upon successful completion of such program, he added. The Indian Multinational Software Product/Services Company, 'Persistent Systems Pvt. Ltd.' approached COEP Tech, with a proposal to offer an 'Executive Masters-M.Tech.' program, for its interested employees, in the technology verticals of '**Data Science**' and '**Cyber Security**', the Director informed.

He further added that the teams from Persistent and COEP Tech. worked on the proposal in terms of curriculum design, content delivery logistics, admission process and criteria, examination process etc. and a detailed draft was presented and deliberated in the immediate past (11th) Academic Council meeting, of erstwhile COEP, held on 12th September 2022.

Dean Academics presented the extracts of the proposal alongwith resolutions in the AC meeting. After its pilot run in the coming semester for Persistent employees, such programs can be extended for multiple domains/disciplines and can be offered to aspiring working professionals of various Corporate/Industry, the Officiating Director said.



The Chairman, while expressing his pleased agreement on the initiative, emphasized the need to take a policy decision on degree to be given in this initiative by Persistent & COEP Tech jointly or only by COEP as it will create a bench mark for all such programs, with other business houses/corporate, in immediate future. He also highlighted that policy decision also needs to be taken on how to go about the requirement of skills of the industry and how to cover them in such flexible academic courses. Dr. Anand Deshpande responded that, to begin with, the degree in such Executive Masters' programs be awarded by COEP Tech University only. He also emphasized on keeping the motivation of the enrolled working professionals towards successful and in-time completion of such program and expressed that many such Executive Masters' programs be conceived and deployed in collaboration with industry/corporate from multiple domains.

The Board considered and resolved as follows:

R-2/3/2022: The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Multinational Software Product/Services Company, 'Persistent Systems Pvt. Ltd.' who approached COEP Tech, with a proposal to offer an 'Executive Masters-M.Tech.' program, for its interested employees, in the technology verticals of '**Data Science**' and '**Cyber Security**'.

The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED** to authorize the concerned authorities and officers of COEP Tech University for the execution of the said MOU, as provided in the Section 24 (j) of the COEP Technological University Act, 2022.

Item 6. Approval on Rules and Regulations of 'PhD Programs' in COEP Technological University

The Officiating Director informed that in the Academic Year 2021-22, the erstwhile Autonomous COEP received approval from SPPU to start autonomous Ph.D programs at its department wise research centers. The rules and regulations for the same were then articulated, and the candidates' admissions were done, for last Academic year, he added. In light of conferment of new status, the COEP Tech. University, now has certain privileges, which are over and above the Autonomous Institute. With the intent now, to announce the PhD admissions under the ambit of COEP Tech., the set of Rules and Regulations for 'COEP Tech. University PhD Program' needs to be reconfigured accordingly, the Director further mentioned. The modified rules have been drafted by the concerned team at COEP Tech., with following major modifications in the Rules and Regulations, and were presented for approval in the 11th Academic Council meeting, of the erstwhile COEP, held on 12th September, 2022:

1. Academic Council (AC) is the apex body in the University for all concerned approvals, the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) will be constituted at the School level and Department Research Committee (DRC) at the department level.
2. The modified composition of the RRC has been re-defined, in light of the University status.
3. The admission eligibility criteria and the admission process at each school level have been detailed out.

4. Since the recognition of Supervisor is now the prerogative of COEP Tech., the norms of supervisor recognition are defined.
5. The thesis acceptance criteria are elaborated.

The structure of various Schools at COEP Tech. and various departments under each school was presented to the members. Dr. Anand Deshpande expressed his deep concern on the large number of proposed Schools, which would give rise to more number of Professors, to be unnecessarily engaged as 'Deans of such Schools' and suggested to merge schools and reduce bureaucratic approach in dealing with academics at University. He further appealed to give a serious thought on inter-schools mobility of students and teachers for more flexibility and inter-disciplinarity in the Education model of the University. The Officiating Director assured the members to take the issue back to the Academic Council to deliberate on merger of the schools, reducing the number and affiliation of the departments with a particular school.

R-2/4/2022: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the modified Rules and Regulation for the PhD Programs at COEP Tech University, to be applied from the next iteration of admission process for PhD programs at COEP Tech. The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED** to refer the issue of reducing the number of Schools (by merging the proposed schools) and affiliation of various academic departments to a particular school, back to the Academic Council and report the new resolution to the Board in its next meeting.

BOG has to approve the lien as professor as he has to take charge of VC.

The Board had deliberation on this matter and noted the same.

Item 7. Items for reporting to the Board:

The following items were placed for reporting to the Board:

- i. Minutes of 11th Academic Council Meeting, of the erstwhile COEP, held on 12th September 2022 were tabled in the meeting for ratification and approval if any.

The Board noted the same, approved/ratified the same the resolutions therein as needed.

- ii. List of MoUs after last BoG meeting held on 29th July 2022:

List of MoUs were tabled in the meeting, for the members to note. The members noted and appreciated the same.

- iii. Permissions for Official Foreign visits of functionaries and faculty members:

a. Application of Prof. S. L. Patil, Professor seeking permission to attend IEEE conference and visit institutes at Brussels, Belgium. Prof. S. L. Patil, Professor, Dept. of Instrumentation and Control Engineering and Dean Alumni & International Affairs through his application dated 24th August 2022 has



requested to grant him the permission to attend and present his research paper titled "State and Disturbance Observer based Current Sensorless Control of Mismatched Buck Converter" at the IEEE conference to be held at Brussels, Belgium during 17th- 20th October 2022 and visit 1-2 institutes of high repute in Belgium. He has also requested for the institute funding of Rs.2,49,000/- to bear the expenses occurring on account of the said travel. The Officiating Director, in his bestowed empowerment, vide resolution in the 40th BoG meeting of erstwhile COEP has accorded permission to Prof. Patil, with the requested financial support.

Board considered and ratified the same.

b. The Chairman, Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone- Vice Chancellor and Prof. Manoj J. Rathod – Deputy Director abstained from participating in the discussions on the following matter:

The other members discussed on participation of COEP Leadership/Functionaries in Sakal-Educon 2022 at Sydney, Australia Sakal Educon was initiated in 2005 by Sakal Media Group as a platform to discuss pressing issues, to share ideas, to provide knowledge platform and enriching experience to the leadership in the educational field. The members noted that in the past, Educon has been successfully organized and conducted at international locations such as in Thailand, Sri-Lanka, Malaysia, Dubai, Shanghai, Istanbul, Paris, Germany, Israel, Singapore, Russia, Japan etc. and has been represented by Vice chancellors of reputed Universities, Directors/Principals of Higher & Technical education institutions, Senior functionaries and academicians from reputed organizations, experts from Industry/Corporate, both from India and abroad. The members further noted that all previous editions of Educon have been proactively attended by teams of COEP functionaries enriching their horizons of thoughts on global Education scenarios and APPROVED the participation of the following functionaries in the EduCon-2022, scheduled to be held at Sydney, Australia during 12th-19th November-2022, with its theme revolving around employability of graduates, skill-based education and market changes in the product & service sector attributed to Industry 4.0, with the participation fees of Rs 4.0 lakhs + 5% GST, per individual

- Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone- Officiating Director
- Prof. Manoj J. Rathod – Deputy Director

R-2/7(iii)(b)/2022: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** Participation of Prof. Mukul Sutaone- Officiating Director and Prof. Manoj Rathod – Deputy Director in Sakal-Educon 2022 at Sydney, Australia Sakal Educon during 12th-19th November-2022, along with the participation fees for the same being Rs 4.0 lakhs + 5% GST, per individual.

Item 8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

- To approve the lien on the post of Professor by Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone on assuming his charge of VC:



The Board deliberated on the matter regarding the provisions for lien to be granted to Prof. Mukul Sutaone for his original post of Professor- E & TC at erstwhile COEP and COEP Tech, while he assumes the charge as the Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech. The Board noted the following provision of section 11, subsection 7 of COEP Tech Act, that reads as follows:

“(7) The person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor shall hold a lien, if any, on the substantive post held by him prior to the appointment.”

The Board then resolved as follows:

R-2/8(i)/2022: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the lien of Prof. Mukul Sutaone for his original post of Professor-E & TC, at erstwhile COEP and now COEP Tech. while he assumes the charge of Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech. University. The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED** to forward the proposal of Lien Approval of Prof. Sutaone to the State Government for further necessary action.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Mukul Sutaone)
Officiating Director
