

MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE OF COEP TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, PUNE HELD ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2023 AT BHARAT RATNA SIR VISVESVARAYA CONFERENCE HALL, MAIN BUILDING, COEP TECH. UNIVERSITY, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE -411 005

The Third (3rd) meeting of the Board of Governance of the Institute was held on Tuesday-10th January 2023, at 11.30am at Bharatratna Sir Visvesvaraya Conference Hall, Main Building, COEP Tech. University, Shivajinagar, Pune -411 005 and the following members were present.

PRESENT IN PERSON:

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| 1. | Shri. Pratap Pawar | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. M.S. Sutaone | Vice Chancellor |
| 3. | Prof. N.B. Pasalkar | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Anand Deshpande | Member |
| 5. | Prof. B. G. Birajdar | Invitee |
| 6. | Prof. Rathod | Invitee |
| 7. | Prof. Ms. Jibi Abraham | Invitee(Dean-Academics) |
| 8. | Prof. P. S. Sadgir | Invitee |

PRESENT THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING:

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| 1. | Shri Sanjay Inamdar | Member |
| 2. | Dr. Pramod Chaudhari | Member |
| 3. | Prof. S. T. Vagge | Member |

Shri. Pratap Pawar, Chairman of the Board of Governors, took the chair. All the members present through video conferencing made the following affirmation(s):

i. Fullname

ii. Location

iii. That they had received the agenda and all the relevant material for the meeting.



iv. That no one other than the concerned member was attending and having access to the proceedings of the meeting at their respective location and that they could clearly see and communicate with other participants.

Leave of absence was required to be granted to Mr. Vikaschandra Rastogi, Principal Secretary, Dept. of H & TE, Govt. of Maharashtra and Prof. Sanjay Dhande, who could not attend the meeting owing to their prior engagements.

After the formal welcome by the Chairman, the Meeting commenced with the greetings to the Board members for new year 2023.

The meeting then started with items on agenda as under:

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the BoG of the COEP Tech held on Saturday- 1st October 2022.

The minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Board (as appended at **APPENDIX- 1 of the Agenda**) held on 1st October 2022, were circulated amongst all the Board members, on email, along with the notice of the 3rd meeting. No comments have been received on the same.

Board considered the minutes and passed the following resolution:

R-3/1/2023: The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Board held on 1st October, 2022.

Item 2: Items for reporting/information to the Board and for approval/ratification, as needed:
This item was at Sr. No. 6 in the Agenda. However, with the consensus of all the Members present, it was decided to take it at item No. 2.

- a. Assorted Minutes and Resolutions of 12th Academic Council Meeting, of the erstwhile COEP, held on Saturday, 3rd December 2022:

The complete draft minutes were tabled in the BoG meeting for ratification and approval. Salient Items and associated Resolutions of Academic Council meeting were circulated as APPENDIX 3 to the Agenda and the same are as follows:

- Confirmation of various Schools and departments under COEP Tech.
Resolution: The Academic Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the following FIVE schools at COEP Tech. encompassing the existing academic departments, and TWO new departments: 1. Planning and 2. Management, as tabulated below.



Schools →	School of Civil Engineering and Planning	School of Mechanical and Materials Engg.	School Electrical and Communication Engg	School of Computational Sciences	School of Trans-disciplinary Sciences and Management
Depts →	Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Electrical Engineering	Computer Science and	Applied Science
	Planning	Metallurgy and Materials Engineering	Instrumentation and Control	Engineering	Physics
		Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management	Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering	Mathematics	Management

Here the Board discussed upon the matter of allowing multiple affiliation to faculties of schools. Dr. Anand Deshpande, raised a major concern about the conduct of the performance appraisal of the faculty connected with multiple schools and said that a thought needs to be given to this issue. Collaboration of Deans/Heads of various schools/departments is not easy for performance appraisal and hence focus needs to be kept on what is most appropriate for the University, he added. It was discussed that Academic Council shall take up this matter and update on the same at the next Board Decision on this matter, whether to allow multiple associations or to consider major associations vs. minor associations, was kept on hold until further resolutions of Academic Council in this regard.

- **Approval for norms for Research Supervisor Recognition and Admission eligibility matrix**

Based on the UGC guidelines, Prof Sadgir, presented norms for being recognized as the Research Supervisor and Co-supervisor at COEP Tech. for the approval of AC members. He also presented the admission eligibility matrix for PhD programs along with the modified syllabus for Research Program Entrance Test (RPET).

Resolution: The Academic Council synonymously **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the norms.

- **Analyses of Admissions at COEP Tech for AY 2022-23, by the respective Admission Chairpersons.**

The admission Committee Chairpersons for FY B.Tech/B.Planning, DSY B. Tech, FY M. Tech./M. Plan/MBA, Executive M. Tech presented a department (program) wise/specialization wise brief analysis of admissions for the current Academic Year. While admissions for the UG, DSY, and MBA were satisfactory, PG admissions are bringing some

concerns, the members observed. It was suggested to undertake study to find out different measures to improve the current PG admission scenario.

Resolution: The Academic Council, while noting and appreciating the admission scenario at UG FY B.Tech, DSY, and MBA programs, but simultaneously taking serious note of declining numbers of entrants at PG-M.Tech programs and UG B. Plan program, **RESOLVED** to initiate the corrective measures for the same with the approval of BoG.

- **Approval to start new academic programs**

Responding to the growing demand and interest of students, various academic departments proposed to establish the following new academic programs from the next academic year.

Department of Mechanical Engg.:

- B.Tech in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence with an intake 60
- M.Tech in Design Engineering (Working Professionals may be admitted) with an intake 30
- M.Tech in Electric Mobility (Working Professionals may be admitted) with an intake 30

Department of Instrumentation and Control:

- M.Tech in Industrial IoT and Full Stack Development (Working Professionals may be admitted) with an intake of 100.

Resolution: The Academic Council synonymously **RESOLVED** to recommend the establishment of above mentioned new academic programs to the BoG, for its consent and approval.

Board was requested to **CONSIDER & RATIFY** all the above Resolutions of the Academic Council, in particular and the proceedings of the meeting, in general.

On the synoptic statistics of Admissions-2022 at COEP Tech. that was presented to the BoG members during this meeting, the Board members had discussion on the following points:

1. Making Civil Engg. and Metallurgy an attractive stream. Options such as better promotion awareness among students of 10+2, and renaming required for these streams were discussed. It was discussed that Nano technology may be included in the Metallurgy science stream to make it more acceptable. 70% of the syllabus of Metallurgy can include Nano-technology as its part. Further Sustainable Development may be included as a part of syllabus in Civil Engineering to make it well received by the students.
2. As performance of diploma students was observed to be good in comparison their 12th standard students entering through CET/JEE, it was opined that the University can strategically increase seats for diploma students at Direct Second year.
3. For M. Tech students, late admissions due to derailed Admission calendar (planned and executed by the State Government Competent authority) are big concern. It was expressed that admission calendar be streamlined as soon as possible since the pandemic has now converged, so that Classes shall start from 1st August every year.
4. It was also opined that the State Government be requested earnestly to delegate the PG



Admission process to COEP Tech, as per provisions of its ACT, for the academic year 23-24 so that after such delinking the University can plan its own calendar and proceed accordingly.

5. The members were of the view that working Professionals, enrolled at PG programs should be encouraged to interact/associate with the UG students to share their field/work experiences and knowledge, techniques, tools, etc., which will in turn help the UG students to stand out distinctly among the similar students of the country.
6. Dr. Deshpande stressed upon the inclusion of courses on Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence for all the streams commonly, and further mentioned the earnest need for collaboration among schools on such areas of interests.

Shri Sanjay Inamdar suggested that, a sub-committee of members of Academic council be formed for re-design of Course structures, and their detailed report, submitted to the AC, shall reach the BoG for deliberations and decisions.

The Board **CONSIDERED & RATIFIED** all the above Resolutions of the Academic Council, in particular and the proceedings of the meeting, in general.

- b. Assorted Minutes and Resolutions of 1st Finance Meeting of COEP Tech, held on Thursday, 8th December 2022.

The draft minutes were be tabled in the meeting for ratification and approval if any. **Salient Items and associated Resolutions of Finance Meeting as specified in Appendix 4 of the agenda are as follows:**

- **Continuation of Financial Delegation and Signatory System of Autonomous Institute, post release of notification of COEP University Act.**

Resolution The Finance Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the continuance of erstwhile (prevailing) signatory arrangements, as have already been delegated the Chairman-BoG, Director, and Deputy Director for the cheques to be signed for and on behalf of the COEP as an Autonomous Institute in the status of the organization now as COEP Technological University, post release of notification of COEP University Act, on 21st June-2022.

- **Approval for Guidelines and Rules prepared for Testing and Consultancy work, applicable GST Compliances.**

Resolution: The Finance Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the COEP Draft Rules for Mandatory GST compliances and guidelines for accepting Third Party Audit, to be followed strictly w.e.f. 1st January, 2023.

- For all Third-Party Audits, the Consultant: University Share will be 65:35 respectively (where in expenses shall be incurred from the 65% share by the faculty, the share of COEP shall be 35 % net of GST).
- For Design and Technological consultancy, Consultant: University Share will be 75:25 respectively (where in expenses shall be incurred from the 75% share by the faculty, the share of COEP shall be 25 % net of GST).



- **Bank Operating Mandate:**

As per letter ref.no. COEP TECH/PGP/DIR_OFF/Authorized_Signatory/2022/4977 Date:9th November 2022, currently Prof. M S Sutaone and Prof M J Rathod are signing Cheques for Rs. 20,00,000/-. Cheques exceeding Rs. 20 Lacs are signed by Prof M S Sutaone and Shri Pratap G Pawar. Under university status it is required to inform the Bank about revised signatories for Bank operating mandate.

Resolution: The Committee considered the matter and guided that the existing mandate for bank account operation shall be continued till further instructions.

- **Investments of Rs 13 Crores to be made with HDFC Limited who have offered the highest rate of Interest for FD's under Saffire scheme @ 7.6% for 45 months. The said investment is done as advised by approved consultant Wealth Managers Pvt Ltd.**

Resolution: The Committee considered the matter and approved the said investment for better returns.

- **Major Purchases/Payments after the last BoG meeting i.e. during 1st Oct. 2022 to 31st December 2022**

It was noted that Appendix- 5 to the agenda as circulated to the Board carried the details of the major payments made during 1st Oct. 2022 to 31st December 2022

After due deliberation on the above points the Board **CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED** all the above Resolutions of the Finance Committee and in particular and the proceedings of the meetings as circulated in **APPENDIX-4 and the major Purchases /Payments in Appendix- 5.**

The Board, after noting the items as deliberated in the Finance Committee meeting, discussed about having an Investment Policy for the University and an Investment Committee. This will enable a planned and well considered decision making, the members opined.

The Board had discussion on constituting a committee to assess the market practices for finalizing the **Guidelines and Rules for Testing and Consultancy work and applicable GST Compliances** and then decide the percentages of share between the University and the faculty consultant. It was decided to constitute a Committee of Shri. Pratap Pawar, Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Dr. Anand Deshpande and Shri Sanjay Inamdar for the purpose. It was decided that based on the decision of this committee, a prior notice will be given and then the sharing percentages will be changed from a pre-decided date.

It was also decided to include a faculty representative in this committee, who contributes to the University's IRG and can thus share the concerns appropriately.

Following resolution was passed by the Board in this regard:

R-3/2/2023: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the constitution of Committee of following members to assess the market practices for finalizing the **Guidelines and Rules for Testing and Consultancy work and applicable GST Compliances** for the **Third-Party Assignments** taken up by the faculties of the University and then decide the percentages of share between the University and the faculty:

1. Shri. Pratap Pawar,
2. Dr. Pramod Chaudhari,
3. Dr. Anand Deshpande and
4. Shri Sanjay Inamdar
5. One faculty representative, who engages heavily into giving such services

The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE** that based on the decision of this committee, a prior notice will be given all the faculties and then the changed proportion of shares will be effected from a pre-decided date.

c. List of MoUs after last BoG meeting held on 1st October 2022:

List of MoUs was tabled in the meeting, for the members to note as per **APPENDIX-6 of the Agenda.**

d. Updates on the NAAC Expert Committee visit to COEP Tech University for its Assessment and Accreditation (for the FIRST time) on 6th and 7th January 2023:

The Vice Chancellor apprised the members that the erstwhile COEP, in anticipation of conferment of State University status, had decided to undertake NAAC accreditation and started preparing for it since a year. Though Autonomous COEP has all of its eligible UG and PG programs, accredited by NBA with good scores, in multiple cycles, the University status necessitates the organization-level accreditation, to be facilitated by the NAAC, he added. Subsequently, COEP Tech submitted its "Self-Study Report-SSR" to the National Assessment and Accreditation Council-NAAC in the month of September-2022 and in response to the SSR submission, the three-member expert NAAC Committee visited COEP Tech on 6th and 7th January 2023, he further mentioned.

The VC shared the observations of the expert committee on inadequate research outcomes by the faculty and students and the emphatic need on working hard on the enrollment for PhD programs, indexed research Papers, Contribution for Articles, Publications, externally funded research projects etc. Issue of providing fellowships to the full-time PhD Scholars for at least 3 years also needs to be resolved, the VC said, with research problems also derived from industrial sector, seeking their support.

e. Ratification on Permissions for Foreign visits of functionaries and faculty members, as tabulated below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty/Functionary	Visit details	Purpose	Remarks
1	Mrs. Vinodini Bhole, Asstt. Professor-EED	To attend the International Conference – ICECCME-2022 at Maldives during 16 th -18 th Nov. 2022	To present her contributed research paper, based on her PhD work	Partial funding support from the COEP Tech (registration fees)

Board **CONSIDERED** and **RATIFIED** the same.



**Item 3: A Progress Report on various Infrastructure development Projects at COEP Tech.
University campuses at Shivajinagar and Chikhali 2nd item.**

This item was at Sr. No. 5 in the Agenda. However, with the consensus of all the Members present, it was decided to take it at item No. 3.

The VC updated that the erstwhile COEP, in response to its ever-continued efforts to appeal to the Corporate/industries, Alumni, Philanthropists, Donors and also the State Government etc. has been receiving a generous support for raising new physical infrastructure on both the campuses of COEP Tech., viz. Shivajinagar and Chikhali. The summary of the status of progress on all such projects of supported infrastructure development projects was presented by the Secretary of Planning and Evaluation Committee (PEC) as follows:

S. No.	Project Title	Floors, Area etc.	Funding Support (In Lakh Rs.) and its Source/Type	Total cost & Contribution of COEP Tech in project	Committed / Completion Date and remark
Shivajinagar Campus					
1	N.K. Firodia Building of Metallurgy and Material Sciences	Total built up area= 31526, sq.ft (B + G + 3 floors)	Rs. 4.0 Cr + Rs. 1.5 Cr Commitment, = Total Rs. 5.5 Cr	<i>Total cost of Project is Rs.10.01 Cr.</i> Contribution of COEP Tech is Rs. 4.51 Cr.	Civil Work is completed (31/12/2022) Interior work (Rs. 1.5 Cr) is expected to be completed in one month, this is being handled by Donor.
2	Bajaj Building of Mechanical Engg.	Total built up area = 39,170 sq. ft (B+G+2 floors)	Rs. 10.52 Cr (civil + electrical+ plumbing)	<i>Total cost of the project is Rs 11.24 Cr.</i> Contribution of COEP Tech is Rs.0.723 Cr.	Total work will be completed by 31/1/2023
Shivajinagar Campus					
3	M/s VasconEngineers Pvt.Ltd;Drawing Hall of Civil	17,460 sq ft (Ground + 1 floors)	Rs. 4.50 Cr (civil + electrical+ plumbing)	<i>Total Cost of Building is Rs. 4.50 Cr.</i>	October 2023

	Enggdept.			Contribution of COEP Tech is architectural + Structural services and allied support.	
4	Wipro Pari Building of Advanced Manufacturing	Total built up area = 13,872 sq ft (Ground + 1 floors).	Rs. 2 Cr	Total cost of the project, equipment(Rs. 10 Cr), + Civil and allied work (5.14Cr) = Rs. 15.14 Cr .	Completed
5	Mangesh Kale Centre for Robotics and Automation		Rs 50 lakh	Addition of Equipment in the existing Laboratory	Completed
6	Mcdermid-Alpha/Jabil Centre for Advanced Electronic Manufacturing	Total built up area = 5377 sq ft (Ground + 1 floor)	1) M/s Cookson India Pvt Ltd (McDermid Alpha) -Rs. 1.00 Cr 2) M/s Bajaj Auto Ltd.- Rs. 1.00 Cr. 3)Rs. 0.56 Cr + equipment donation worth of Rs. 0.54 Cr. Grand total Rs. 3.10 Cr for equipment only.	Total Cost of the project = (Rs. 2.10 Cr Civil & allied work + Rs. 3.10 Cr equipment)= Rs. 5.20 Cr . Contribution of COEP Tech is Rs.2.10 Cr for infrastructure.	26 th January 2023.
7	Gauri Shah Building of Computer Engg	Over the existing library Building, (4,5,6, & 7 th floors) = 63,942 sq.ft	Rs. 5.00 Cr	Total cost of the Project for four floors is Rs. 25 Cr .	By October 2023. There is short fall of Rs. 20

					Cr. A provision is to be made for additional fund.
8	State Government supported Knowledge Resource Centre (Library)	50,572 sq. ft(Basement +Ground +3 floors)	Rs. 9.00 Cr received till date from Govt.	Total cost of project required as per AA Rs. 21.27 Cr.	By 31/10/2023. Additional fund required is (21.27 -9) = Rs. 12.27 Cr. And a provision is to be made for additional fund.
Chikhali Campus					
9	State Government supported Centres of Excellence	1,67,832 sq. ft(Basement +Ground +1 floor)	Part I: Building construction – 8 centers of Excellences Rs. 35.68 Cr.	<i>Total cost of project is Rs. 59 Cr for infrastructure development</i> We received Rs. 25 Cr and Rs.15.60 Cr is commitment from the state govt. GR is issued for the same. Few more items (electrical / HVAC	By 31/10/2023 For chikhali campus development, Govt has approved Rs. 150 including infrastructure
			Part II: Site development:(Internal roads / Entrance Gate / Security Cabin / Parking / Substation building, etc.) Rs. 3.69 Cr		By 31/02/2023

				/allied items are to be tendered.	
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The Board noted the status till date and agreed that there is a need to make arrangements for additional funds for Gauri Shah Building of Computer Engineering, but the current status of funds of the University cannot support this building any more. The Board deliberated on exploring options on funding the completion of this building.

Item 4: Action Taken Report (ATR) on the ASSORTED resolutions/decisions of the Second Meeting of the BoG of COEP Tech held on Saturday- 1st October 2022.

Sr. No.	Item on the Agenda	Action Taken
1	<p>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:</p> <p>R-2/2/2022: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE 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. The Board FURTHER RESOLVED to APPROVE and note 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.</p>	Implemented
2	<p>Approval on new Executive M. Tech. Programs in 'Cyber Security' and 'Data Science', to be initiated in the COEP Tech. University, for Working Professionals:</p> <p>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 had approached COEP Tech, with a proposal to offer an 'Executive Masters-M. Tech.' program, for its interested employees, in the technology verticals</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>The admission process was accomplished and the instruction started w.e.f. November 2022.</p>

	<p>of 'Data Science' and 'Cyber Security'.</p> <p>The Board FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Vice Chancellor for and on behalf of COEP Tech for the execution of the said MOU.</p> <p>The Board FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Academic Council and the Vice Chancellor to take a decision on the grant of degrees and awards, to the successful participants upon completion of such programs, as provided in the COEP University Act.</p>	
3	<p>Approval on Rules and Regulations of 'PhD Programs' in COEP Technological University</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Admission Round was conducted in December-2022, as per the newly approved Rules for the batch to be admitted in January-2023.</p>
4	<p>To approve participation of COEP Leadership Sakal EduCon-2022 at Sydney Australia during 12th -19th November 2022, along with participation fees</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>Prof. Sutaone and Prof. Rathod participated in Sakal EduCon-2022 in November-2022, held at Sidney, Australia.</p>
5	<p>To approve the lien to Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone on his original Government appointed post of Professor-E & TC while he assumes the charge of Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech University:</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>The State Government vide its order letter no. धारणा -२०२२/प्रा. क्र. (१५०/२२)/तांशी-१ dated 17th Nov.</p>

<p>R-2/8(i)/2022: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the lien of Prof. Mukul Sutaone for his original Government appointed 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.</p>	<p>2022 conferred the lien to Prof. Sutaone for his original Government appointed position and Prof. Sutaone assumed the charge of Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech University w.e.f. 7th November 2022.</p>
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Item 5. Interim Nomination/Selection of Internal Candidates on various Statutory positions (as provided in COEP Tech. Act) and on other erstwhile functionary positions carried forward at COEP Tech University (APPENDIX-2).

The Vice Chancellor mentioned that, in the erstwhile autonomous COEP, the governance practice of rotating the various conventional functionary positions among eligible, aspiring and appropriate INTERNAL senior faculty members, for the period of THREE years, was being observed. As deliberated in 28th Meeting of Senate (Academic Council of autonomous COEP) held on 11th September 2013 and 29th Meeting of Senate held on 24th January 2014, the process for Selection/ Nomination of the eligible internal faculty members for such positions was detailed and RESOLVED. The same was further APPROVED by the Board of Governors of autonomous COEP in its 27th Meeting held on 9th May 2014x, the VC added.

The VC further updated that the process broadly encompasses the invitation of interests and statement of purpose (SoP) for a particular position from aspiring faculty members, followed by their interaction with the Sub-Committee of the BoG. The list of selected functionaries is then approved in subsequent BoG Meeting, followed by issuance of the orders to respective functionaries, he said.

The VC further apprised that after the conferment of University Status to Autonomous COEP w.e.f. 21st June 2022, certain statutory functionary positions have been created in the COEP Tech. University Act-2022, with the eligibility criteria, selection process and tenure for such positions spelt out in the Act. The list of such statutory positions along with conventional positions to be carried forward from autonomous COEP to COEP Tech University is annexed herewith.

The VC then apprised the members that the H&TE Department of Govt. of Maharashtra vide its GR No. संकीर्ण-११११/(३६/२०)/ तांशि-२ issued on 15th November 2022, has endorsed the creation of statutory positions in the Act, with the responsibility of salaries for Nominated/Selected candidates on such positions, from COEP Tech University funds. For majority of such statutory positions, a competitive open selection process is to be executed as provided in the Act, with participation of eligible EXTERNAL as well as INTERNAL candidates, he said.

After the appointment of the first Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech University for interim period of ONE year (till the regular Vice Chancellor is appointed by the Hon. Chancellor for the period of FIVE years), the VC proposed that the new statutory positions as provided in the Act and the conventional positions carried forward from autonomous COEP be filled from among the eligible, appropriate and aspiring INTERNAL FACULTY MEMBERS of COEP Tech, for the period of ONE year or till the regular



Vice Chancellor appointed by the Hon. Chancellor assumes the charge, whichever happens earlier. With this proposal, there will not be any immediate additional financial liability on the University on account of salaries for such functionaries. It is further proposed to conduct the process of Selection/Nomination of the functionaries as practiced and prevailed in autonomous COEP for the said iteration, as mentioned above.

For the process of selection/nomination of the functionaries, following sub-committee of the BoG is proposed for said iteration.

1. Prof. N. B. Pasalkar-Chairman
2. Shri Sanjay Inamdar-Member
3. Prof. S. S. Bhosale- Member-Reservation Nominee
4. The Joint Director, Regional Office, T. E. Pune- Govt. Nominee (subject to approval from Higher Government authorities)
5. A lady representative (Principal/Director of an affiliated Engineering Institute)
6. The Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech-Member Secretary

The Board deliberated that a chart of functionaries, selection process, designations, roles responsibilities, leadership qualities and dedication is required to be prepared first in order to proceed with the appointment of functionaries. The members discussed that a time line of around 10 days after this BOG Meeting could be kept to complete the process of appointment of functionaries. It was discussed that the appointment of Deans, Directors etc. shall be made first and then to proceed for constitution of Committees and make them functional. While on the topic, Dr. Deshpande mentioned that a formal training for the statutory functionaries needs to be arranged on continuous basis. These trainings shall cover aspects on good governance and best administrative practices, finance, leadership skills etc. Such programs shall act as capacity development programs for the leaders of the University, taking them. While on the topic, he gave an example of the course for future Directors, as practiced in IITs. He advised that experts from various streams be invited for delivering sessions on challenges faced in the capacity of Dean or Director or any such functionary levels. After due deliberation, Board considered and approved the proposal and constitution of the sub-committee, as above by passing the following resolution:

R-3/3/2023: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the the proposal and constitution of the sub-committee for the process of selection/nomination of the functionaries and decided that the following sub-committee of the BoG is proposed for said iteration.

1. Prof. N. B. Pasalkar-Chairman
2. Shri Sanjay Inamdar-Member
3. Prof. S. S. Bhosale- Member-Reservation Nominee
4. The Joint Director, Regional Office, T. E. Pune- Govt. Nominee (subject to approval from Higher Government authorities)
5. A lady representative (Principal/Director of an affiliated Engineering Institute)
6. The Vice Chancellor of COEP Tech-Member Secretary

The Board **FURTHER RESOLVED to AUTHORIZE** the Vice Chancellor of the University to do all such other acts, deeds and things, as may be necessary and incidental in this regard to give effect to this resolution.



Item 6. Discussion on possibility of Delegation of Admission Process-AY:2023-24 to the COEP Tech for all its Masters' programs

The VC updated that the Erstwhile Autonomous COEP has been offering 25 Master's programs in Engineering/Technology, 01 M. Planning program and 01 MBA program, with 486 + 31 + 30 intake capacity respectively. Since the State University status was granted to COEP on 21st June 2022, the admissions to all of the above Masters' programs, as the practice that prevailed since last few years, were conducted through Maharashtra State CET Cell, for this AY-2022-23, as per eligibility criteria decided by the regulatory authorities and approved by the Government of Maharashtra. He brought to the notice of members that owing to the quite delayed and pandemic-affected calendar of the Admissions of the CET Cell, the number of students who secured admission at COEP Tech., are 284 against the sanctioned intake of 547, which turns out to be 52%. With almost 50% seats falling vacant, the perceived foundation of research at COEP Tech, as contributed by its PG students is affected very badly. One of the reasons that may be attributed to such poor admitted numbers is the delayed onset of admission process of the State CET Cell, and that too after completion of admission process of IITs/NITs and many Private Universities.

In light of above preamble, the VC expressed that it is being strongly felt on campus, amongst and functionaries that the PG admissions of AY-2023-24 be delinked from State CET Cell and be delegated to the COEP Tech, as provided in Section-50 of COEP University Act. It will be genuinely undertaken by the University, with written submission, that the admissions shall be carried on the basis of competitive merit in accordance with notifications, orders and rules issued by the State Government from time to time, with regards to eligibility criteria, reservation policies, scholarships etc. The VC further shared that an exclusive PG-CET of COEP Tech will be proposed to be conducted at National level, as per guidelines of regulatory authorities, for all such aspiring candidates who do not qualify the criteria of national level examinations such as GATE, MAT, CMAT etc. This shall help attract a big chunk of students who belong to a class e.g., 'Non-GATE Non-Sponsored'. Various scholarships by the Central/State Government shall be admissible as per the prescribed rules in this regard. Savitribai Phule Pune University-Pune and Institute of Chemical Technology –ICT, Mumbai have been practicing such kind of PG Admission process and their guidance can be requested, the VC said. He further sought the consent of the members on undertaking the PG admissions for the AY-2023-24, at the University and assured that COEP as the University is all prepared to undertake and accomplish the PG admissions, at its own end. The Board consented on the proposal and instructed the VC to submit the proposal to the Government authorities in this regard.

R-3/4/2023: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the submission of Proposal of undertaking the PG Admission process for the Academic year 2023-24, for the University, at the University end, to the State Government authorities for consideration and legitimate permissions.

Item 7. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

There being no other item, the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


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Vice Chancellor
