

MINUTES OF AIT GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 09 APR 2025

1. Meeting of the newly formed Governing Body of AIT was held on Wednesday, 09 Apr 2025 at 1030 hrs. Maj Gen Shamsher Singh Virk, SM, MG Adm and Offg COS HQ Southern Comd presided over the meeting. Others attending were as follows:-

Ser No	Status	Name of Appointment	Attendance
(a)	Member (Society Nominee)	Maj Gen KK Chakrabarti, CSO, HQ Southern Comd. (Chairman AIT)	Yes
(b)	Member (Society Nominee)	Brig Alok Shukla, Dy JAG, HQ Southern Comd, Pune	Yes (Online)
(c)	Member (Society Nominee)	Col Anupam Mathur (Retd), Director AWES, HQ Southern Comd.	Yes
(d)	Member (Society Nominee)	Col MK Prasad (Retd), Joint Director, AIT	Yes
(e)	SPPU VC Nominee	Dr Vinayak Joshi, Professor in Dept of Mathematics SPPU Pune.	Yes
(f)	Govt of Maharashtra Nominee	Not Yet Nominated	No
(g)	Educationist/ Industrialist	Mr Dinanath Kholkar, Ex SVP Analytics, TCS and Prof of Practice CoEP Tech University	Yes
(h)	Faculty Member	Dr BP Patil, Principal, AIT.	Yes
(i)	Faculty Member	Dr GR Patil, HoD (E&TC), AIT	Yes
(j)	Member Secretary	Brig Abhay A Bhat (Retd), Director, AIT.	Yes

Welcome Address

2. The meeting started with welcome and felicitation of the new Members; Maj Gen Shamsher Singh Virk, SM, MG Adm, HQ Southern Comd, Dr Vinayak Joshi and Mr Dinanath Kholkar

Discussion / Progress of Previous Agenda Pts

3. **Agenda Point 1 : Autonomy & Its Statutory Bodies.** The Director informed that the New Governing Body of AIT, which is having its first meeting has been approved by BoG, HQ AWES. Other Statutory Bodies required to be constituted as per UGC Gazette notification of April 2023 for implementation of autonomy are approved by competent authority on file and will be put up for formal approval of Governing Body subsequently in the meeting.

4. **Agenda Point 2 : Est of PhD Center in Computer Dept.** The Director informed that the application of PhD center was submitted to SPPU on 30 Sept 2024 and Local Inquiry Committee (LIC) of SPPU visited AIT on 05 March 2025. He further informed that the committee has submitted a favorable recommendation and final approval from Academic Council, SPPU is awaited.

5. **Agenda Point 3 : Faculty for academic approval by SPPU as approved teachers for AY 2024-25.** The Director informed that a proposal of 20 faculty members was sent to SPPU and all the 20 faculty members received approval for one academic year 2024-25.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes of Last GBM.** Dr BP Patil, Principal proposed the minutes and Dr G R Patil seconded.

Agenda Pts for the GBM

7. **Agenda Point No 1: To Approve the Constitution of Statutory Bodies viz Academic Council and Finance Committee under Autonomy Required as per UGC Gazette Notification of April 2023.** Dr GR Patil, Dean (Perspective Planning) presented the agenda points. He informed that the required statutory bodies viz, Academic Council, Finance Committee and Board of Studies (BoS) of each department are internally finalized and were sent on file to HQ HQ South Comd and approved by the BoA HQ South Comd. He highlighted that Academic Council is required to approve the syllabi of the courses proposed by BoS of departments and the Finance committee is responsible for preparation of budget and audit. A formal approval of constitution of Academic Council and Finance Committee as at **Appx A** is sought. Governing body is specifically required to nominate certain members for the two committees, which are recommended as follows:-

(a) **Academic Council.** Four Members representing such areas as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, Sciences, etc., are to be nominated by the Governing Body

- (i) Mr Vilas Deshpande Co-founder & COO @ Vayve Mobility, Pune.
- (ii) Dr MS Sutaone, Director IIIT Allahabad
- (iii) Dr Sachin Lodha, Head of Research, TCS, Pune.
- (iv) Col. Rajinder Singh Bhatia Chairman, Defence Business, Bharat Forge, Pune
- (v) Dr Rushikesh Joshi Professor, CSE Dept., IIT Mumbai.
- (vi) Mr Koustubh Phalnikar, Senior DGM – Product and Technology Development at L&T India.

(b) **Finance Committee.** One person to be nominated by the Governing Body of the Autonomous College for a period of two years. Recommended member is Joint Director, AIT.

8. **Decision/ Resolution (No GBM 25.1.1).** The Governing Body approved the appointment of nominated members in Academic Council of AIT as in para 7 (a) and one member in Finance Committee of AIT as in Para 7 (b). The constitution of Academic Council and Finance Committee of AIT was also formally approved.

9. **Agenda Point No 2 : To Approve the Framework and Guidelines for Implementation of Autonomy as Below.** Dr GR Patil explained the Credit framework, Academic Rules regulations and Examination Rules for UG and PG programmes, which were prepared by the AIT committee for implementation of autonomy after detailed internal deliberations. These are further discussed and deliberated in Board of Studies (BoS) of each Departments and formally approved by Academic Council. He also informed that the detailed first year syllabi of the BTech and MTech courses too were deliberated at all levels and approved by the Academic Council. These were required to be forwarded to SPPU by 31 Mar 2025, through its portal. Dr GR Patil presented key highlights of credit framework, academic and examination rules and regulations.

10. The Chairman, AIT commented that the weightage of Core engineering courses seem to have reduced due to higher emphasis on multidisciplinary courses. Dr GR Patil informed that this is as per the NEP 2020, UGC credit framework guidelines. He further informed that, the courses offered under the category of "Vocation and skill courses" will also be from core domain only, to ensure adequate coverage of Core Engineering domain.

11. The Chairman and Dr Vinayak Joshi also enquired about CGPA to percentage marks formula which has been proposed in the rules. He was informed that the formula proposed was $10 \times (\text{CGPA} - 0.5)$. After detailed discussion the members agreed that this was the most appropriate formula.

12. Dr Vinayak Joshi enquired about award of classes and asked if there is any provision for grace fractional marks for borderline cases as is done by SPPU. Dr GR Patil intimated

that it has not been included as of now, but the provision will be made and put up for approval of the Academic Council in the next meeting.

13. Dr Vinayak Joshi also enquired about multiple entry, multiple exit provisions. Dr GR Patil informed that we have made provision in the rules and regulations as per NEP-2020 guidelines. However, as clear guidelines have not been issued by SPPU, the scheme can be implemented only after issue of guidelines by SPPU, and with subsequent approval of AWES.

14. **Decision/ Resolution No GBM 25.1.2.** The credit framework and rules and regulations for autonomy implementation were approved.

15. **Agenda Point No 3 : To Discuss and Approve the Budgetary Provisions Made for Autonomy Implementation.** Dr G R Patil highlighted the provision of Rs. 100 lakhs in capital fund and Rs 30 lakhs in operational expenses budget for autonomy and NEP-2020 implementation, as follows:-

(a) Equipment for FE Labs (Autonomy Syllabus)	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(b) Hardware in Examination Cell	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(c) Software in FE Labs	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(d) Software in Examination Cell	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(e) Equipment for SE Lab (Revised Syllabus)	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(f) New Display Systems in classroom (Smart Classroom)	-	Rs 20 Lakh
(g) Digital Infrastructure as per NEP 2020	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(h) Miscellaneous Expenditure	-	Rs 10 Lakh
(i) Operational Expenditure such as Stationary, consumables, repair and Maintenance etc	-	Rs 30 Lakh

16. **Decision/ Resolution No GBM 25.1.3.** The budget for autonomy implementation is approved as per para 15 above.

Addl Discussions

17. Dr BP Patil, Principal informed that the proposal for academic approval of SPPU for AY 2025-26 for management appointees & contractual teachers is to be sent to SPPU. This requires resolution of the GBM. The point was agreed in principle by the Offg COS, HQ Southern Comd. However, Chairman, AIT directed that the case can be processed on file separately for approval of BoA, HQ Southern Comd.

18. Dr Dinanth Kholkar highlighted the special efforts of the Govt in electronics manufacturing. He highlighted the establishment of a very large Electronics manufacturing cluster in Ranjangaon Pune, which will lead to lucrative job opportunities for E&TC graduates. In view of this the department should plan the curriculum in order to tap these opportunities. He also mentioned that "Cyber Security" is another area which has a huge potential going forward. He also suggested inclusion of Basic and Advanced courses in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). AI in education is another thrust area which he felt the institute should work on. Dr Dinanth Kholkar offered to help AIT in all these four areas.

19. Dr Dinanth Kholkar also informed that there is a good amount of CSR funding available on Skill related activity which can be tapped by AIT to establish a skill development

center in collaboration with industries. These funds are available to institutes for making their students industry ready.

20. Dr Dinanath Kholkar also suggested to include courses which will be taught by industry persons or Professor of practice. He told to offer few internships in the campus itself.

21. Dr Vinayak Joshi informed that, there funding from Govt agencies & DST for establishing CoEs in areas like Quantum computing, AI etc can be tapped. He offered to help AIT for the same.

Closing Remarks by Patron

22. The Chairperson, Maj Gen Shamsher Singh Virk, SM, MG Adm, HQ Southern Comd, thanked all the members for attending the GBM and for their participation and valuable suggestions. He said these will go a long way in making AIT a better institution.

23. He mentioned that AIT is a premier institute of the Army Welfare Education Society and has made a name for itself in the field of engineering disciplines. He reiterated that it has to be our collective endeavor to make this institution even better.

24. He appreciated that AIT is preparing itself for implementation of autonomy and he expressed his confidence, that collectively we will achieve our aim of making AIT globally recognized institute.

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