



B.N. Bandodkar College of Science (Autonomous), Thane

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the College Development Committee held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 12.30 PM in the Conference Hall.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. Vijay Bedekar
2. Shri J. N. Kayal
3. Shri R.R. Rasal
4. Dr. D.R. Ambavadekar
5. Dr. (Mrs.) V. D. Manjramkar
6. Mr. B. K. Mandlekar
7. Mr. Abhay Marathe
8. Mr. S.G. Bapat (Invitee)
9. I/C Prin Dr Moses Kolet

Leave of Absence was granted to Shri U. B. Joshi, Shri G. G. Patil, Dr. S. D. Rathod, Dr. Anita Goswami-Giri and Ms. Madhuri Shiudkar who had informed their inability to attend, in advance.

Agenda 1: To read and confirm minutes of the earlier meeting held on 18/2/2021: The minutes of the last meeting of CDC held on 18th February 2021 were read and confirmed. Action taken report was discussed and approved. Dr. Vijay Bedekar suggested that the First Year students admitted during next academic year 2021-2022 be properly informed through meetings and workshops regarding their 60:40 pattern of examinations and other changes like continuous internal assessment being implemented under autonomy.

Agenda 2: To review results of 2019-20 and 2020-21 (Sem. I, III, V and PG results) declared in lockdown: Results were reviewed and approved. Shri Kayal and Shri Rasal suggested that the number of students appeared for the examinations also should be included in the tabular representation along with percentage of passing. Departments with 100% results were congratulated.

Agenda 3: To review progress report of the college for AY 2020-2021: I/C Principal Dr. Kolet tabled the progress report of the college before the committee and the committee reviewed the same. Dr. Vijay Bedekar and the committee congratulated the college on its recognitions won during the year and suggested a press-note of achievements be made and circulated in the media.

Agenda 4: To review fees pending from students for AY 2020-2021 and frame policy for recovery thereof: Fees pending from students during the year 2020-2021 were reviewed. Dr. Kolet informed the committee that as per government guidelines under lockdown, installment facility for fees was given to students however some students were yet to pay their fees.

It was unanimously resolved to withhold results of such students defaulting in payment of fees till they cleared their pending fee dues.

Agenda 5: To approve budget for AY 2021-2022: Budgets for Aided Section, Self Financing section and Junior College were tabled before the committee for approval. Dr. Vijay Bedekar and Shri R.R. Rasal opined that ways and means should be found for reducing the deficits in Jr. College and Aided section budgets as they were leading to huge recurring losses.

Agenda 6: To approve Academic Calendar of activities for AY 2021-2022: I/C Principal tabled the academic calendar of activities for AY 2021-2022 which was approved by the committee. Dr. Vijay Bedekar appreciated the calendar and asked it to be uploaded on the website and informed to all.

Agenda 7: To approve increase in fees and examination fees for AY 2021-2022: As a measure to improve the financial health of the college and considering the deficits in balance sheets / financial budgets of the Degree and Junior college, Dr. Kolet proposed a hike in fees. Shri Kayal inquired reasons for deficits and how the same could be overcome. Shri R.R. Rasal pointed out that the fees paid by aided students were grossly inadequate in comparison with the actual expenses incurred. It was pointed out that fees were not increased in AY 2020-2021 due to the pandemic situation and autonomous colleges had the freedom to decide their own fees. Dr Vinda Manjramkar and the office informed about the ban on recruitments of staff by the Govt. of Maharashtra for the last several years resulting in teachers having to be appointed and paid by the management in place of teachers who had retired; increase in operational costs, additional burden on budgets due to yearly salary increments to staff all contribute to heavy deficits. Dr Vijay Bedekar said that the VPM was paying its staff all dues and appealed to the committee to stand united and explain to all stake holders the need for increase in revenue by way of fees. Dr. Ambavadekar, Prof Bapat, Dr. Manjramkar, Prof Mandlekar all replied to this positively.

It was unanimously resolved to go in for appointments on Clock Hour Basis after getting the NOCs to fill the vacant teaching posts from Joint Director Higher Education Office, Panvel and getting approvals for CHB recruitment from the University of Mumbai.

After discussion, it was also unanimously resolved to increase fees for all classes by 10% hike or Rs. 2000/- whichever was higher. Examination fees would be hiked as already permitted by the University of Mumbai.

Agenda 8: To approve fee for certificate course on Management Component 'An Introduction to Management for Beginners' for FYBSc/ Undergraduate students: The course planned for FYBSc students from AY 2021-2022 was presented before the committee along with proposal to charge Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) per student as fees for this certificate course which was granted unanimous approval. Dr. Vijay Bedekar and Shri Kayal suggested the fees for the course be taken along with regular fees for the FYBSc class at the time of admissions which was approved by the committee. Dr. Kolet informed the CDC that this course was also approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 30/4/2021.

Agenda 9: Approval of I/C Principal Dr. Moses Kolet received from the University of Mumbai: the committee was informed that the University of Mumbai had granted its approval for I/C Principal Dr. Moses Kolet from 1/2/2021 to 31/7/2021. Dr. Vijay Bedekar and Shri Kayal asked the proposal for next tenure of approval be kept ready and sent in time to the University from the office.

Agenda 10: To grant approval for future MoUs: Dr Kolet explained to the committee that MoUs would be required for mutual benefit of students, institutions, overall development of students and progress of the college as well as from NAAC point of view. It was proposed that institutions such as St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai, K.J. Somaiya College (Autonomous), Mumbai, Institutions under Mahatma Education Society such as Pillai College of Education, Pillai College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Navi Mumbai, Guru Nanak College,



Mumbai, JMF's Vande Mataram College, Dombivli, Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir, Yoga institutes, CSAI (Centre for Advanced Study of India), GESA (Geotic Environment Safety and Security Alliance) Aspire Foundation, Rotary Club, etc would be interested in signing MoUs with us to which the committee responded positively. Dr. Vijay Bedekar suggested the drafts of MoU be sent to VPM for multi-level checks and then signing the MoU.

Agenda 11: Any other matter with permission of the chair:

11.1: The committee was informed of the visit of Sr. Govt Auditor to the college and campus and his directives to recover excess amounts paid to staff, from their salaries and deposit the same in treasury, which were being implemented over a period of six months from April 2021 to September 2021, in six installments by the office, in order to avoid hardships of a single large deduction amount. Shri Kayal inquired how an excess amount could be paid to employees to which, Dr Kolet explained that all these payments were earlier authorized by the Joint Director's Office, and were received from the government as salary grants and hence paid to employees.

11.2: The committee approved that in case of employees seeking any type of financial loan from external agencies, the liability of the college would henceforth be limited to providing them with service certificate and salary certificate and the college would not be responsible for giving any form of undertaking to the financing agency. Shri Rasal said the employees should be encouraged to opt for payments of loan instalments through ECS. Dr. Vijay Bedekar asked the percentage of deduction against salary received by the employee be checked and Shri Abhay Marathe suggested that the office call the financing body to inquire about their providing financial loan to employees and inform them that there would be no responsibility of the college in case of default.

11.3: Indexing of our online journal J-BNB in J-Gate was granted approval unanimously.

11.4: It was informed to the committee by Controller of Examinations Dr. Vinda Manjramkar that Examination Compendium of the college was approved in the Academic Council in its meeting held on 30/4/2021 and from AY 2021-2022 the college would be introducing 60:40 pattern of External and Internal assessment for FYBSc and progressively to higher classes; and also implementing the moderation system of assessment and evaluation under autonomy which was unanimously approved by the committee.

11.5: Charges to be collected from students and ex-students for various special requirements, transcripts, special certificates, documents not collected and lying in the office for over one year and duplicate documents/ mark sheets etc were approved unanimously by the committee.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Principal.


Read and Confirmed