

**GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE- RAJKOT**

9TH MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 22ND APRIL, 2016 DURING 03:00 PM TO 05:00 PM  
VENUE: CONFERENCE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, G.E.C. RAJKOT.

**MINUTES**

The 9th meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Government Engineering College, Rajkot was held on 22nd April, 2016 during 03:00 pm to 05:00 pm at the conference room, Administrative block of G.E.C. List of the Members present in the meeting is attached as Appendix-A.

At the onset, Dr. S.S. Bhatt on behalf of Government Engineering College extended a warm welcome and thanked all the members for sparing their valuable time for this important meeting. She introduced to the BoG Prof. (Dr.) G.J. Vala as the new head of the institute and also Prof. A. M. Joshi as the coordinator/ Nodal officer of the IMCE Strand.

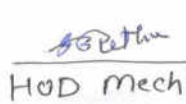
**Thereafter, the agenda items were taken-up and the following discussions took place:**

1. The Board reviewed the action taken report in compliance with the suggestions that were received during the 8th BoG meeting. The TEQIP coordinator of the institute; Prof. (Dr.) C.H. Vithalani had systematically presented all the necessary details of the action taken report.
2. During the discussion the Board expressed concern regarding the under utilization of the grant awarded under the head "Assistantship". However, the TEQIP coordinator had categorically replied to the query by informing the Board that since no post graduate courses are run by this institute, it is not possible to utilize the grant that has been allocated for the said purpose. Prof. (Dr.) C.H. Vithalani also presented the NBA-SAR before the Board and important facets of the reports were discussed.
3. Prof. G.B. Pithva, procurement nodal officer, informed the BoG that the institute is persistently taking up the work of providing better facilities to the students. Very recently, The Siemens-Centre of Excellence (CoE) has been established at G.E.C. Rajkot to cater the need of skilled man power for the industry. This endeavor is a giant step ahead in the direction of establishing a strong industry-academia relationship and catering employable graduates to the industries.
4. Prof. (Dr.) C.H. Vithalani had informed the BoG regarding the positive initiatives that have been taken up by Prof. (Dr.) G.J. Vala as Principal; especially in building facilities for library, language laboratory and networking facilities within the campus. The exuberance of Prof. Vala was appreciated by the board.

  
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5. A thorough discussion took place regarding the procurement of goods and equipment under the TEQIP. Prof. B.B. Kuchhadiya was appreciated by the Board for the successful completion of financial audit. Dr. S.S. Bhatt had put forth the proposal of one faculty willing to present his research paper in an international conference to be organized at Bangkok. Prof. G. B. Pithva and Dr. S.S. Bhatt had also informed the Board that some students from the Automobile Engineering Branch were willing to participate in an event relating to Automobile Design and Fabrication. The institute is willing to accept the request of students to reimburse the registration fees for the event and other expense for the said purpose.
6. The Board also has emphasized the need to encourage faculty to take quality training during ensuing vacation. Prof. A.K. Popat, Deputy Director, Technical Education Department informed the BoG that the Commissioner ate is in the process of collecting data pertaining to training received by the faculty members of all the institutes, and owing to administrative reasons, in future the Commissioner ate will decide the names to be sent for training.
7. The examination results of all the departments were also discussed at length. The point of poor result of I.C. department was also discussed in detail. The indiscipline and discourteous behaviour of Prof. U.V. Shah was also put forth by the academic council and the Board discussed the matter comprehensively. The BoG chairman also felt the need to call Prof. U.V. Shah in person so that he may be given a fair opportunity to make explicit his views/reasons to justify his actions. Prof U.V. Shah presented his arguments before the Board. Subsequently, the Board identified this issue as a matter of grave concern and has asked the institute to immediately report it to the higher authorities.

**Following suggestions emerged from the discussion:**

8. The Chairman suggested opening the CoE for outside students which would bring revenue for the institute. The Chairman as a benign gesture of motivation, showed readiness to send some experts from his industry to assist in making the CoE courses industry-oriented and functional.
9. Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash and Prof. B.L. Swamy suggested that for speeding up of action plan the institute shall not wait for the permission of the Board till the next meeting takes place, rather the issues requiring permission should be brought to the notice of the Chairman and if the chairman accords necessary concurrence, the Board can ratify the same in the subsequent meeting.
10. The chairman also suggested forming a committee to identify faculty members from the institute whom can be sent abroad for paper presentation in national and international conferences and seminars. The Board also accentuated that discrimination between the technical and Non-technical faculty members in the institute for financial assistance under the TEQIP is unfair.
11. Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash and Prof. B.L. Swamy also suggested:

                      
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- a. To call experts from IITs/NITs/Industries and other institutes of repute to deliver lectures at this institute.
  - b. Academic hindrance ought to be removed appropriately. Students and faculty members should be motivated to take up various academic activities that would boost up the overall academic status of the institute. The students should also be inspired to take part in cultural and sports activities. The staff should be encouraged to attend capacity enhancement programmes which are held at IIMs.
  - c. Plantation of more and more trees in the campus should be undertaken.
  - d. To develop library as a great learning resource.
  - e. To utilize maximum possible grant received under TEQIP-II as per guidelines.
  - f. To go for UGC autonomy, permanent affiliation of Gujarat Technological University and subsequently for accreditation. Inter-departmental mock evaluation rounds may be undertaken to assess the current status of the institute, which would facilitate quick access to information required for accreditation.
  - g. All Head of the Departments (HoDs) shall communicate before the next BoG meeting the vision and mission statement and action plan for the coming years. The respective HoD should look forward to start post graduate programme at the earliest.
  - h. The institute shall prepare a Governance Development Plan (GDP) for next five years and shall present it in the next BoG meeting.
12. Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash suggested that the institute can have necessary guidance from Prof. Swamy for NBA-SAR.

**The BoG unanimously resolved on the following issues:**

**13. Action Taken Report on the Suggestions of 8<sup>th</sup> BoG Meeting:**

The Board resolved to consider and approve the Action Taken Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting.

**14. Procurement of Goods and Equipment:**

The Board unanimously resolved that for the procurement of goods and equipment as per the NPIU guidelines, the BoG grants necessary permission to exceed the budget allocated for procurement by 5% of Rs. 550 lakhs (procurement budget head).

**15. Indiscipline and Discourteous Behaviour of Prof. U.V. Shah:**

The BoG resolved to ratify and agree with all the findings of investigation carried out by the Academic Council in the matters pertaining to the indisciplined and discourteous behaviour of Prof. U.V. Shah. The BoG held that the handing over of charge as HOD-IC to Prof. M.P. Jani in place of Prof. U.V. Shah was duly

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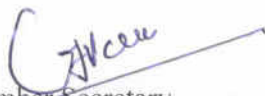
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justified owing to the fact that Prof. U.V. Shah was responsible for the overall poor result of the concerned branch, and that the action plan that was suggested by him was vague, misleading and not result oriented. The BoG also strongly agreed upon the fact that when repeated written orders from the Office of the Commissioner, Technical Education and the Principal was communicated to Prof. U.V. Shah to discharge duties as Rector Prof. U.V. Shah by not assuming the charge as Rector he has adopted dilatory tactics or willfully caused delays in disposal of work assigned to him. The BoG also approves that, Prof. U.V. Shah has refrained himself from discharging his duties as Rector, on the contrary, has alleged the Office of the Commissioner, Technical Education of victimizing him by ordering to discharge duties as hostel rector. Further, the BoG also agrees that Prof. U.V. Shah under the argument that since he has not assumed the charge of hostel Rector, he is not required to resolve the problems of students pertaining to water and electricity, also amounts to serious indiscipline and lack of devotion to duty. The BoG has not the slightest of doubt that it is the duty of every teacher to resolve the students related issues promptly. The BoG for that reason, finds Prof. U.V. Shah behaving in an imperious manner and also that he has exercised insubordination by not discharging the duties allotted to him. The BoG also endorses the inferences of the Academic Council that Prof. U.V. Shah has wrongly implicated Prof. (Dr.) Vala of aggressive and discourteous behaviour. Since, such indiscipline among the faculty members of the institute is the biggest hindrance in accomplishment and maintenance of eminence, which is required for a TEQIP institute; the BoG accordingly had unanimously resolved that the institute shall report the matter of indisciplined and discourteous behaviour of Prof. U.V. Shah to the higher authorities for further necessary actions at the earliest.

#### 16. Training to Students and Faculty Members:

The BoG has resolved to accede necessary permission to Prof. M.P. Jani's proposal to send students for paid training, further the BoG also resolved to concur to the proposal of Prof. G. B. Pithva to reimburse the registration fees for Automobile Design and Fabrication event from the appropriate head under TEQIP. The BoG also agrees with the proposal of faculty willing to present his research paper in an international conference to be organized at Bangkok provided upon coming back the concerned faculty shall have to arrange a pedagogical session for the benefit of other faculty members of the institute. The BoG resolved to allow faculty members to visit reputed foreign institutes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Member Secretary  
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## Appendix -A

### Members present:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Position in BoG
1	Shri P.G. Jadeja	CEO, Jyoti CNC Automation, Rajkot	Chairman
2	Dr. G.J. Vala	Principal, GEC Rajkot	Member secretary
3	Prof. B.L. Swami	Professor, MNIT Jaipur	AICTE Nominee
4	Prof. N.C. Shivaprakash	Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Mentor of Institute
5	Prof. A.K. Popat	Deputy Director, CTE office	State Government Nominee
6	Dr. C.H. Vithalani	Professor & Head of E.C. Department, TEQIP Coordinator	Member
7	Prof. G.B. Pithva	Associate Prof. & Head of Mechanical Engineering	Member
8	Prof. M.P. Jani	Associate Prof. & Head of IC Department	
9	Prof. B.B. Kuchhadia	Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Nodal officer Finanace	Invitee
10	Prof. P.I. Bhatt	Associate Professor, Applied Mechanics, Nodal officer IOC	Invitee
11	Prof. A.M. Joshi	Associate Professor, Civil Engineering, Nodal officer IMCE	Invitee
12	Prof. K.S. Patel	Associate Professor, Computer Engineering, Nodal officer MIS	Invitee
13	Prof. H.I. Joshi	Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Nodal officer, Training	Invitee
14	Dr. Sanghamitra Bhatt	Assistant Professor, Humanities and Science, Nodal officer Research	Invitee
15	Dr. S.R. Upadhyay	Assistant Professor, Humanities and Science, English	Invitee
16	Mr. Kishan Ramani	Project Fellow, TEQIP	Invitee

### Following members could not attend the BoG meeting.

- [1] Prof. Sachin Parikh, Member (Busy in academic inspection)
- [2] Nominee from Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad
- [3] Shri Sachde Deepak V (Member, Industry representative)
- [4] Prof. C. D. Sankhvara (Member, Professor, Faculty of Technology, RKU, Rajkot)