



Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body (G.B.)

The 01st meeting of the Governing Body of Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering of Shri Vile Parle Kelvani Mandal was held in the **Conference Hall, SVKM, 10th floor of the NMIMS building on Friday, 13th September 2019 at 04:00 p.m.**

The following members were present: -

1. Shri Amrish R. Patel (Chairman)
2. Shri Bharat M. Sanghvi
3. Shri Amit Sheth
4. Dr. S. C. Sahasrabudhe
5. Dr. Sharad Mhaiskar
6. Dr. A. C. Daptardar (Teacher of the college)
7. Dr. M. J. Godse (Teacher of the college)
8. Dr. Hari Vasudevan (Member-Secretary).
9. Leave of absence was granted to (i) Shri Nayan M. Patel.

Item 1: Chairman's welcome address and opening remarks.

Shri Amrish R. Patel, Chairman of the Governing Body and President of SVKM extended a warm welcome to all the members present. He expressed happiness at the college receiving the autonomous status and briefed the members about the vision of SVKM management and expectations from the college, as DJSCE is one of the important institutions under SVKM. He also mentioned that the college has always been amongst the top 3 institutions in Mumbai region and amongst the best in Maharashtra state. Shri Amrish R. Patel also mentioned that every year more than 50% of the students go for the M.S. studies to foreign universities, especially the US. He also expressed the hope that, with the autonomy now in place, there is a good opportunity to improve the overall position of the institute further. Shri Bharat Sanghvi thanked the Chairman, Governing Body and SVKM management for giving full support in the effective running of the institute.

Item 2: Introduction of the members and the expectation of the management with regard to the autonomy of the college.

The Chairman introduced each member of the Governing Body since this was the first Governing Body meeting. He further said that the institute should take the grant of the Autonomy as a challenge. Chairman also mentioned that atleast 25% of the current curriculum should be changed with one that relates to the current trends in the industry, so that, more number of students get hands on with the latest softwares, technologies and equipments. Simultaneously, he suggested that faculty members are also required to update themselves as per the demands of the new curriculum. Principal replied that there are many faculty members and

students, who are regularly taking up online courses from NPTEL & Courseera etc. He also said that more & more of the faculty and students will be motivated to take up more courses.

Shri Bharat Sanghvi, assured the members that the institute will do its best to fulfil the expectations raised after getting the Autonomy. Principal also assured that everyone will work hard further to take the college to next level.

Item 3: Brief introduction about the level of preparedness and the vision to take the institute to next higher level under Autonomy.

Principal informed the members about the Undergraduate courses, Post-Graduate courses and Ph.D. courses offered by the institute in detail. He also updated the members about the accreditation status of the programmes and the achievements and various rankings the college has received from government and private ranking agencies.

He further explained that the Autonomy will help the institute to manage & complete the examinations within a span of 1-2 weeks, whereas the University takes around a month to complete the same. It will be beneficial for students as well as for their parents to plan for the internships, extra-curricular activities and vacations etc. As far as the preparation for conducting the examinations are concerned, the exam committee is in regular touch with Ms. Alka Shukla, the Controller of Examinations, SVKM & her team. Exam related documents are being finalised & developments in SAP are also being simultaneously done.

Shri Bharat Sanghvi informed that the college will be planning to have internship for all the undergraduate programmes in the final year for the benefit of students.

Dr. Sharad Mhaskar informed the members that the management has got into an agreement with TCS Ltd. to have an exam system & related software in place. It would help generate question papers as this is expected to remove the predictability of question papers. Moreover, the software is also expected to take care of other pedagogical aspects and would help in preparation of programmes for accreditation etc.

Item 4: Approval for the formation of the Academic council, Different boards of Studies and Finance Committee and finalisation of the members.

Principal provided details about the Academic Council members as well as various Board of Studies pertaining to all the eight branches to the members of the Governing Body.

Dr. S. C. Sahasrabudhe suggested a couple of names, which could be considered in the Board of Studies. He mentioned the name of Prof. Merchant for EXTC Engineering, Prof. Keerthi Vasan for Information Technology and Dr. Anish Mathuria for Computer Engineering.

The Chairman suggested to take a higher level mathematics expert to frame the syllabus of Mathematics and also to add courses like Python, SAS in the first year syllabus. Shri Amit Sheth also mentioned the same

& elaborated on the importance of the same. Principal mentioned that the college taken help from external experts mainly from IIT Bombay to frame the syllabus of first year under Autonomy.

The Governing Body in principle gave approvals of the names suggested to them.

As far as the courses are concerned, Shri Amit Sheth suggested to include Music or Liberal Arts as a subject in the future, wherein currently Indian Knowledge Tradition & Environmental Studies are mentioned.

The Governing Body approved the course structure put forward as the first semester has already started in the college.

Item 5: Proposal for the change in nomenclature of the degrees to be awarded by the institute.

Principal proposed for the change of degree to be offered under Autonomy from B.E. to B.Tech, for the passing out students of the college. Members noted the same and mentioned that some more thought may be put into the same before taking the decision and a final conclusion can be arrived at in the next meeting.

Dr. Sahasrabudhe elaborated on the difference between B.E. & B.Tech and the way IITs have been following the same. He also highlighted on the recognition of the B.E. courses visa vis the B.Tech courses at the international level in few countries.

Item 6: Proposal to explore the award of Honours degree to students after their graduation.

Principal informed the members about the possible tie up being done with IBM for the award of the Honours degree to students. Discussions are currently on regarding the same.

Dr. Sharad Mhaikar suggested that the Honours degree may be awarded to the students in accordance with the CGPI, secured by them.

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

As there was no other item on the Agenda, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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Dr. Hari Vasudevan
(Principal & Member-Secretary)

Minutes confirmed

Shri Amrish R. Patel
(Chairman, Governing Body)