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Minutes of the Governing Body

Meeting Date: 10/08/2024

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Embedded Laboratory, Physics Department, M G Science Institute, Ahmedabad 380009

The Governing Body of M G Science Institute convened on 10th August 2024 at 11:00 am.

Members Present:

Dr Abhijit Sen	Chairman
Mr Punit Lalbhai (Online via Google meet)	Member
Mr Abhishek Lalbhai	Member
Mr Naishad Parikh	Member
Dr Shriram Nerlekar	Member
Dr Shashi Ranjan Yadav	Member
Mr Udayan Shah	Member
Mr Hridayanath Pandey	Admin Member
Dr Jwalant Vora	Member - Secretary
Dr Noopur Goyal	Invitee

Members Absent:

Dr Pankaj Gajjar	Member VC Nominee
Dr Parag Kalkar	Member

Proceedings:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- The meeting began with Dr. Abhijit Sen's address. He welcomed all members and commended the efforts of M.G. Science Institute in establishing autonomy.
- Dr. Shriram Nerlekar introduced Mr. Punit Lalbhai and Mr. Abhishek Lalbhai, noting it was their first meeting.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes and Fee Structure:

- **Agenda 2:** The minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval. The board approved the minutes of the 1st meeting.
- The fee structure for SF courses was discussed, with 10% of the fees designated for miscellaneous charges and 90% for tuition fees.
- **Resolution:** The fee structure was approved.



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3. SF Programmes Update:

- **Agenda 3:** Dr. Vora provided an update on SF programmes. Out of nine proposed programmes, only four (BS DSA, BS Biotech, M. Sc Microbiology, and M. Sc Chemistry) were launched.
- Programmes such as BS Computer Science, BS AI and ML, M. Sc Astrophysics, and PG Diploma in BSA could not be initiated this year. Reasons included issues with the GSAC portal, a low number of 12th pass students in the A (PCM) group, and quota policies restricting admissions from outside Gujarat.
- Mr. Punit Lalbhai suggested creating awareness before relaunching programmes, potentially starting with a soft launch of one programme at a time.
- Dr. Nerlekar mentioned working on a new strategy for relaunching programmes with different nomenclature and improving awareness in schools.
- **Resolution:** A strategy for relaunching the programmes will be developed and reviewed by the board. Programmes will be launched one at a time after evaluating all pros and cons.
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4. Certificate Courses and Programme Viability:

- **Agenda 3A:** Dr. Vora updated the board on certificate courses conducted during summer and future courses. Dr. Nerlekar praised Dr. R.D. Chaudhari and Dr. Parag Shah for their efforts in launching certificate courses.
- Dr. Nerlekar explained that M. Sc Physics could not start this year due to unavailability of competent staff.
- Dr. Abhijit Sen emphasized the need to appoint qualified faculty. Mr. Punit Lalbhai proposed a sponsored chair to address faculty shortages instead of closing down subjects.
- **Resolution:** The board acknowledged the efforts made and agreed to relaunch the programme when viable.

5. Syllabus and Examination Reforms:

- **Agenda 4:** The board was informed about the redesigned syllabus with a minimum of 20% changes compared to the affiliating university and examination reforms focusing on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) as per NEP and new NAAC formats.
- Dr. Abhijit Sen inquired about OBE, and Dr. Nerlekar explained the student-centric approach.
- **Resolution:** The board approved the examination reforms and instructed that the teachers be trained accordingly.

6. Staff Hires and Infrastructure:

- **Agenda 5:** Dr. Vora reported on new staff hires and the impact on the budget. Infrastructure is currently sufficient for both GIA and SF courses, but additional space will be needed next year.
- Dr. Vora requested the return of an adjacent building previously given to CEPT University. Mr. Naishad Parikh suggested parallel sessions. Dr. Nerlekar noted that optimum utilization of space is a major constraint. He suggested space audit.



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- **Resolution:** A space audit will be conducted, and reallocation will be planned accordingly.

7. Financial Budget and Endowment Fund:

- **Agenda 6:** The board reviewed the financial budget after admissions for SF courses. Dr. Vora proposed the fees for SF courses and presented the DPR for the PM USHA grant.
- **Resolution:** The board noted the agenda.

8. Student Demographics and Awards:

- **Agenda 7:** Dr. Vora presented the demographics of students admitted to MGSI and proposed medals and awards for students, as they will no longer be part of the GU merit list. An endowment fund will be raised, with alumni being a potential source of support.
- **Resolution:** It was resolved to strengthen the alumni association to support students.

9. Any Other Business (AOB):

- Dr. Nerlekar provided information on ERP Software procured by AES, which will streamline data management and support the cluster university targeted for 2031.
- **Resolution:** The board noted the update on ERP Software.

Meeting Ended:

- Key points included addressing difficulties in initiating SF courses, strengthening faculty recruitment, raising more resources, and developing skill-oriented courses.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 11th January 2025 at 3:00 pm.
- The meeting concluded at 12:40 pm with a vote of thanks by Dr. Noopur Goyal

Chairman

Member Secretary

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