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Proceedings of the 41st meeting of the Board of Governors of BMSIT&M held on 28th September 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Board Room of BMS Institute of Technology & Management, Yelahanka, Bangalore.

Members Present:

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| 1. Dr. B.S. Ragini Narayan
Educationist,
Donor Trustee, Member Secretary and
Chairperson,
BMS Educational Trust,
Bangalore – 560 019 | Chairperson |
| 2. Sri. Aviram Sharma
Trustee,
BMS Educational Trust
Bangalore | Member |
| 3. Dr. N C Shivaprakash,
Professor (Retd.),
Instrumentation and Applied Physics,
Indian Institute of Science
Bengaluru 560012 | VTU Nominee
Member
(Present online) |
| 4. Dr. P P Binu,
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Sree Naarayana Gurukul College of
Engineering & Technology, Katayirippu,
Kolencheery, Ernakulam 682 311 | UGC Nominee |
| 5. Dr. Unnat P Pandit
Professor
Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management
& Entrepreneurship, JNU, New Delhi | Member |
| 6. Sri. Kiran DM
CEO, ONGC Foundation,
New Delhi | Member |

7. Dr. S K Saidapur Former Vice-Chancellor Karnatak University	Member
8. Dr. Mohan Babu G.N., Principal, BMSIT	Member Secretary
9. Sri. Muralikrishna K. Mysore, Director (Administration), BMSET.	Invitee
10. Sri. Khaleel Additional Director (Projects), BMSET.	Invitee
11. Sri. Prakash Dinkar Rao Senior Manager (Finance 1) BMSET	Invitee
12. Sri. Sanjeeva B S Senior Manager (Finance 2) BMSET.	Invitee
13. Vice Principal (Representing Principal, BMSCE), BMS College of Engineering,	Invitee
14. Principal BMS Evening College of Engineering	Invitee
15. Dr. Shaila Bantnur, Director, BMSSA.	Invitee
16. Sri. Devendra Kumar S Administrative Officer, BMSIT&M	Invitee

Members absent:

The following members had expressed their inability to attend the meeting on account of their pre-occupation:

1. Dr. P. Dayananda Pai Chairman, Century Group & Trustee, BMSET & Chairman, BOG, BMSCE, Bangalore – 560019	Member
2. Commissioner, Directorate of Collegiate Education, GOK, Bengaluru.	Member, Govt. Nominee

3. **Director of Technical Education,**
Government of Karnataka,
Sheshadri Road, Bangalore – 560 001

Member
Govt. Nominee (DTE)

4. **Regional Officer,**
AICTE, Bangalore University Campus,
Palace Road, Bangalore – 560 001.

Member,
AICTE Nominee

Dr Mohan Babu, Principal, BMSIT &M, welcomed all the dignitaries and introduced Prof. P P Binu, UGC Nominee and Prof. Shivaprakash, VTU Nominee (first-time attendees) to the other Hon'ble Members of the BOG.

Sri Aviram Sharma, Trustee, BMSET, welcomed all the members and the invitees for the meeting. He extended a special welcome to Prof. P P Binu, UGC Nominee and Prof. Shivaprakash, VTU Nominee.

In his opening remarks Sri Aviram Sharma, Trustee, BMSET, complimented Dr. Mohan Babu G N and all the staff members of BMSIT&M for the following achievements/developments that have taken place at BMSIT&M after the last BOG Meeting.

- Confirmation of Autonomous Status to BMSIT&M by the UGC and VTU.
- Approval of grants by the AICTE to BMSIT&M under various programs.
- All-time high research activities and publications by faculty members.
- Award of Ph.D degree to eleven faculty members during AY 2020-21.
- Students securing Eight Ranks from the University, and prizes at National and State level competitions.
- Job offers to more than 250 Students in the last three months.
- Preparation to start Certificate Programs to provide new-age skills.

The Chairperson then requested Dr Mohan Babu G N, Principal, to take up the agenda.

Dr Mohan Babu G N, the Principal, briefly introduced to the Hon'ble BOG, B S Narayan merit cum means Scholarship being given to students. For the academic year 2020-21, the scholarships are awarded to Ms. Sneha Ramesh and Ms. Kavana H Mahesh by Dr. B S Ragini Narayan, Chairperson, Donor Trustee and Member Secretary, BMSET. The students expressed their gratitude to the Management, their teachers and the institute for the support given to pursue academic excellence. The students also said that the scholarship is a big help to hardworking and deserving students who come from financially weaker backgrounds. The Hon'ble members of the BOG appreciated the sincere comments by the students.

SECTION – 1 FOR CONFIRMATION

41.1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 40th BOG Meeting held on 02.02.2021

The Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 02.02.2021 was placed for confirmation. The same was taken as 'Read' and 'Confirmed'.

SECTION – 2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

41.1.2 Action taken note of the discussions/resolution taken in the 40th BOG meeting held on 02.02.2021.

The action taken report on the points were noted and appreciated. The Hon'ble BOG approved to reduce the intake of Electronics and Communication engineering (B.E) from 180 to 120 with effect from the AY 2022-23 and request the AICTE and VTU to allow enhancement of intake in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (B.E.) from 60 to 120 from the same AY.

SECTION -3 SUBJECT FOR INFORMATION

41.3.1 I) ACADEMIC MATTERS

a) Grant of Autonomous Status to BMSIT&M by the UGC and VTU:

b) BMSIT&M's Rank Under NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework)

Dr N.C. Shivaprakash congratulated BMSIT&M on the NIRF Ranking and suggested that BMSIT&M can aim for a rank below 150 in the future. Sri. Aviram Sharma, Trustee, BMSET suggested that the institute may review its strength and weaknesses with regard to NIRF ranking before the next BOG meeting. Dr Mohan Babu G N, the Principal, informed the Hon'ble BOG members that the NIRF Team at BMSIT&M has been analyzing and comparing NIRF data of BMSIT&M with that of other institutions for the past four years to assess the areas for improvement.

Dr Saidapur informed the Hon'ble BOG members about the shortcomings of the NIRF Ranking mechanism. He also stressed that there are areas that are beyond the scope of improvement, such as the appointment of foreign faculties, admission of foreign students and Impact Factor etc. Therefore, BMSIT&M may concentrate on areas which are within its scope for improvement.

Dr Unnat P Pandit informed the Hon'ble BOG Members that JNU has been ranked very highly in NIRF because of its research and development activity, variety of courses offered, course content, recruitment of foreign faculty and honorary faculty. He further added that the Government introduced NIRF Ranking to bring about healthy competition among Technical Institutes. He informed that NEP 2020 would reset the NIRF Ranking process and parameters to a higher level. He also suggested introducing multidisciplinary courses along with regular courses being offered., for instance, AI&ML (Major Course) and Economics (Minor Course).

c) Faculty Members Awarded with PhD Degree.

d) Honours of VTU Ranks and Gold Medals.

e) Extension of NBA Accreditation to MCA and ISE.

- f) AICTE- CII Survey: BMSIT in Platinum Category.**
- g) Research Grants from the VGST.**
- h) AICTE's Recognition of BMSIT&M as a Mentor to 3 Engg Colleges.**
- i) BMSIT&M: Selected under AICTE-YUVAK scheme.**
- j) BMSIT&M: A Brand Ambassador of AICTE for LITE.**
- k) Progress in Research Publications and Patents.**

Dr N.C. Shivaprakash thanked the Hon'ble BOG Members for providing an opportunity to be a part of the 41st BOG at BMSIT&M and took leave from the meeting.

l) KSCST Student Project Awards, KSCST IP Award, and KSTA Award.

- i) KSCST Student Project Awards.
- ii) KSCST's Intellectual Property Award to BMSIT&M.
- iii) Karnataka Science & Technology Academy Awards to Students.

m) Excellent Performance in Triviajet 2.0 Quiz Conducted by IIT, Bombay.

n) First Prize in TCS Tech Bytes State-level Technical Quiz.

o) Second Prize in E-Yantra, a National Competition conducted by IIT-B.

p) Student Internships at Old Dominion University, USA.

q) Students Project Exhibition (PBL) and Open Courses.

- i) Open Courses
- ii) Project-based Learning (PBL)

Dr Unnat P Pandit suggested that BMSIT&M tie-up with ATAL-Tinkering Labs in Bengaluru and invite school students for the PBL Exhibition to be inspired by the projects done by the students of BMSIT&M. The school students will be motivated to take up engineering courses, and some of the students may prefer to join BMSIT&M in the future.

r) Huawei's Mobile App Development Foundation Course.

s) AICTE Sponsored ATAL FDP.

t) Inauguration of Brain - High-Performance Accelerated Computing Lab.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) Rotation of Deans' and HODs' Responsibility.

Dr Unnat P Pandit suggested that new programs such as MBA and MS may be explored. He informed the Hon'ble BOG Members that B.Tech students have a keen liking for Entrepreneurship management, and BMSIT&M can make an effort to introduce such programs.

The Principal explained to the members that BMSIT&M had earlier contemplated starting MBA Program but had to put it on hold due to AICTE guidelines.

b) Staff Selection and Orientation.

Principal informed the BOG that all the on-boarded faculty members have been oriented to BMS ideology and systems. Dr Unnat P Pandit indicated that BMSIT&M could hire professionals from the industry as honorary faculty to bridge the SFR. Principal informed that BMSIT&M has already been using Adjunct faculty members for handling full/partial courses and bring in industry perspective to students. Dr Unnat P Pandit suggested introducing evening courses like Diploma in Entrepreneurship for people aged Forty. He also offered to share the content and courses offered at JNU.

c) Implementation of Career Advancement Scheme.

d) Fight against Covid-19.

e) Principal's Townhall with Hostel Staff and ICD Students.

III. IMPORTANT EVENTS:

a) Inauguration of e-Studio and Indoor Badminton Court.

b) Women's Day Celebration.

c) Webinar on Good Parenting.

IV. STATUS OF PLACEMENTS:

Ms. Ambika Rani Subhash, Placement Officer, presented a brief report on the status of the placements for the 2020-21 batch, which was noted and appreciated.

SECTION-4 SUBJECTS FOR RATIFICATION

41.4.1 Ratification of Appointments/Attritions/Study Leave After the BOG Meeting No. 40:

Details of Appointments/Attritions/Study Leave made after the last BOG Meeting No.40 held on 02.02.2021 was noted and ratified.

41.4.2 Ratification of the Promotions of Faculty Members Under CAS.

The promotion of 28 Faculty Members under CAS after the last BOG Meeting No. 40 held on 02.02.2021 was noted and ratified.

41.4.3 Ratification of the Procurement of Books / Furniture / Equipment etc., made after the BOG meeting No. 40:

Details of books, furniture, equipment etc., procured after the last BOG Meeting No. 40 held on 02.02.2021 was noted and ratified.

41.4.4 Status of ongoing Civil works and Ratification of Civil / Construction works completed after the last BOG meeting No. 40:

Details of Civil Works and ratification of Civil / Constructions Works completed after the previous BOG Meeting No.40 held on 02.02.2021 was noted and ratified.

41.4.5. Ratification of the Minutes of the Admission Committee meeting after BOG meeting No.40

The Minutes of the Admission Committee meeting held after the last BOG Meeting No. 40 held on 02.02.2021 was noted and ratified.

SECTION-5 SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

41.5.1 Approval of the Boards/Committees under Autonomous BMSIT&M.

Principal presented to the Hon'ble BOG, the Boards/Committees constituted at BMSIT&M namely, BOG, Academic Council, Finance committee, Staff council, Board of appointment, IQAC, and BOS of various departments. He sought the approval for these boards/committees so that academic autonomy granted to BMSIT&M could be exercised effectively.

The subject matter was approved by the BOG.

Dr. Saidapur suggested that given the implementation of NEP-2020, the Institute must have interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches, and it's a good practice to have people from different streams of education and

make a common board as it will set the trend for the future and help in developing the content. Principal accepted the suggestion for necessary action.

41.5.2 Proposal to Launch Certificate Programs in New Age skills.

The proposal to launch Five certificate programs at BMSIT&M in AY 2021-22 was presented by the principal before the Hon'ble BOG for advice. Dr Unnat P Pandit and Dr. Kiran opined that such skill oriented, employability enhancing programs are the need of the hour and should be offered by autonomous institutes. However, they suggested that along with these IT-centric certificate programs, programs in Economics and Law may also be explored. It was decided that Principal can discuss the matter with Sri. Aviram Sharma and Director (Admin) and take appropriate action later.

Dr Unnat P Pandit suggested that there should be an Executive Council at the Trust level to foresee NEP-2020 implementation across all the institutions under the BMS Education Trust. He expressed that with such an Executive Council, both the Academic Council and the IQAC of institutes will get quality inputs, and appropriate decisions can be taken.

For the implementation of NEP-2020, Dr Kiran D M suggested that BMS Institutions can consult with the Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), operating under the leadership of Dr M K Sridhar, who served as a member of the Committee for drafting National Education Policy - 2020. He suggested to start a certificate program on Startup Management which will address the issues that an inventor/entrepreneur encounters while selling his/her product or idea.

Dr Unnat P Pandit suggested exploring M.Tech programs in Defence Technology in collaboration with DRDO. Principal explained to the Hon'ble BOG members that BMSIT&M tried exploring this prospect, but a very short notice provided by AICTE was not enough for BMSIT&M to make an application. This may also require a provision of NBA accredited program. A sub-committee can discuss the subject matter and take it up for discussion and approval in the coming months.

41.5.3 Policy on the Appointment of Regular and Adjunct Faculty Members.

Principal explained to the Hon'ble BOG Members that AICTE and VTU have issued guidelines (Approval Process Handbook-2021, and Circular No. VTU/PS/2021-22/2409 dated 06-Sep-2021, respectively) while appointing/promoting faculty members in engineering colleges. Accordingly, an applicant for the professor's position is required to have a post-Ph.D experience of at least five years (as an Associate Professor). Further, the norms say that a post-Ph.D experience of two years is 'desirable' for a candidate to be recruited as Associate Professor.

Keeping in mind the high stature achieved by BMSIT&M, the need to maintain the high quality of academic ambience, and to scale new heights in the competitive environments (as reflected in NBA, NAAC, NIRF ranking, etc.), it is proposed to upgrade the word 'desirable' mentioned above (with respect to recruiting Associate professor) to 'mandatory'. It would also help to ensure a greater academic maturity among the candidates selected for the respective positions.

All the members of the Hon'ble BOG felt that this upgradation is necessary and resolved that henceforth 5-years' of post-Ph.D experience should be made mandatory for applicants to the post of a Professor, and 2-years' of post-Ph.D experience should be made mandatory for applicants to the post of Associate Professor at BMSIT&M.

The subject matter was approved by the BOG.

Principal also presented a proposal to formalize the process of hiring Adjunct faculty members at BMSIT&M which was perused and approved by the BOG.

SECTION-6 ANY OTHER SUBJECT/S WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

41.6.1 Controller of Examination (VTU and Autonomous)

The principal brought to the notice of the Hon'ble members of the BOG that expression of interest was invited twice from faculty members to shoulder the responsibility of the Controller of Examinations (VTU and Autonomous) at BMSIT&M. As there was only one application i.e., by Dr. Hanumantharaju, Professor, Dept. of ECE, Principal suggested that Dr. Hanumantharaju could be assigned with the responsibility of COE (VTU and Autonomous). He also brought to the notice of the members that Prof. Hanumantharaju has been handling VTU exams quite satisfactorily for the last one year.

The Hon'ble BOG Members approved the appointment of Dr Hanumantharaju as the Controller of Examination (VTU and Autonomous).


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