

GOVERNING BODY MEETING:
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
(HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JUL 2019 AT 09:30 AM)

1. Meeting of the Governing Body of AIT was held on Wednesday, 24 Jul 19 at 0930 hrs in AIT Conference Room under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen DS Ahuja, AVSM. Attendance for the meeting was as follows: -

(a)	Chairman, (Nominated by Trust/ Society)	Lt Gen D S Ahuja, AVSM, Chief of Staff, HQ Southern Command, Pune, Patron AIT
(b)	Vice Chairman	Maj Gen Pritam Bishnoi, VSM, Chief Signal Officer, HQ Southern Command, Pune, Chairman AIT
(c)	Eminent Academician :	Dr Hemant Abhyankar, . State Govt. Nominee ✓
(d)	Members :	Mr. VV Parlikar, Director, R&D (E) ✓ Col Virender Kapoor (Retd) ✓ Mr. MS Unnikrishnan, MD & CEO, Thermax ✓ Dr B P Patil. Principal, AIT
(e)	Faculty Members :	Dr G R Patil, Professor and HOD(E&TC) Mrs Vaishali Ingale, Asst. Prof, Dept. of IT
(f)	Member Secretary :	Brig Abhay A Bhat (Retd), Director, AIT

2. Following members were not present: -

- (a) Maj Gen HK Arora, VSM, Dy Comdt, CME, Academic Advisor.
- (b) Brig Sandeep Kumar, Dy JAG, HQ Southern Command, Legal Advisor.
- (c) Dr AD Shaligram, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology, Univ Nominee.
- (d) Dr CS Verma, AICTE Nominee.
- (e) Dr Abhay E Wagh, Director DTE, DTE Nominee.
- (f) Mr Shrikant Badve, Managing Director Badve Group of Companies, Member
- (g) Mr Dinanath Kholkar, VD Analytics, TCS, Member.

3. Jt Dir AIT and Col Sigs, HQ Southern Command attended as observers.

4. **Composition of Governing Body.** The Director presented the current composition of the Governing Body. Discussion took place on tenure of members and parameters for selection and renomination on the Governing Body of AIT. Mr MS Unnikrishnan intimated that many organisations have a tenure of around three years for each members and are renominated for another two or three years. Maximum limit is normally five years. He also mentioned that the tenure and rules related to extension of tenure is mentioned in the invitation letter itself. Col Virender Kapoor suggested that apart from persons of eminence from Pune some very senior executives from reputed Industries from Mumbai and Bangalore, with a role related to HR of the company may also be added. The Patron also suggested that some senior Alumnus / Alumni could be added. Col Kapoor suggested that while the GBM could be the highest policy making body consisting of limited number of members a second tier informal body which includes reps from the Industry and Academia who can act as Academic advisory body, as also assist in promoting the institute, be formed.

Direction -

- (a) AIT to process on file, a draft SOP, suggesting various rules, criteria, tenure, duration etc for membership on GBM. Recommendations relating to further continuation of existing members based on their attendance and contribution in last few meetings should also be included in the proposal.
- (b) On approval of the above SOP / rules, fresh letters of appointment to recommended individuals as members of the Governing Body be issued along with the tenure details.
- (c) The GBM must be held after every six months without fail.
- (d) Efforts to be made to call MD AWES on video conferencing during the GBM as many decisions have to be referred to AWES. Alternatively the GBM be planned when MD AWES is visiting Pune station.

Progress on Agenda Points of the last GBM held on 21 Apr 2018.

5. **Agenda Pt No 1. Academic Autonomy for AIT.** Director informed that the proposal for Autonomy was forwarded by AIT duly approved and recommended by HQ Southern Command and is still pending decision for over one year. Director also intimated that this has been forwarded to HQ Southern Command for inclusion in the Agenda points for BOG, AWES meeting likely to be held in Oct and final decision will be taken by BOG. Prof Abhyankar and Mr Unnikrishnan strongly supported the need for an institution like AIT to obtain academic autonomy. They mentioned that no Institution today can progress without Academic Autonomy. They also offered their services to explain the need and advantages of Autonomy to members of AWES Executive Committee / BOG. They would even be ready to travel to Delhi for the same. Mr Unnikrishnan and Prof Abhyankar also advised that AIT should have a "Plan B" in case decision on Autonomy is delayed. This Plan B should offer the students, some of the advantages, which would have otherwise obtained through autonomy even while being affiliated to SPPU. The Director assured that they are already working on this.

Direction - The Patron directed that this Point be forwarded for consideration by AWES BOG, be pursued at HQ Southern Command and ensured that it is included in the discussions in the BOG Meeting.

6. **Agenda Pt No 2. Restoration of Intake for E & TC stream.** Director informed that the case of restoration of Intake is again pending with HQ AWES. Large number of observations in relation to the value proposition of this proposal have been raised. Latest reply from AIT has been forwarded on 15 Jul 19. This matter is being pursued with HQ AWES.

7. **Agenda Point 3 – Permission for Lateral Entry Intake.** The Director informed that no specific decision was given on this issue, as it was required to be taken up with HQ AWES. Standing approval of AICTE and SPPU for admitting 10% over and above authorized strength exists. AIT has admitted one girl candidate last year on trial basis, she has done reasonably well and is now promoted to Third year. To further the trial, five more candidates are shortlisted for this Academic year, for which comprehensive tests were designed and taken. It was brought out by Dr Abhyankar and Mr MS Unnikrishnan that all colleges resort to providing lateral entry and these selected candidates do very well in their selected careers. Though their foundation of mathematics is weak as compared to regular students, this needs to be initially worked upon.

Direction - After detailed discussion it was decided that the current shortlisted candidates be admitted on trial basis and their performance be closely monitored. A record of their tests and interviews conducted be maintained properly and preserved. A proper SOP including the entire process from advertising of vacancies on the website, conduct of entrance test and selection procedure be prepared for approval by HQ Southern Command. Subsequent admission be undertaken based on this approval.

Agenda Points for this GBM

		Action	Info
08.	<p>Agenda Point 1 – Vision Document. Director presented the outline of vision 2019-24 document which was sent to HQ Southern Command and pursued by the Patron. Director mentioned that the very first objective of reaching first 50 of All India NIRF ranking from 91 in five years will be very challenging. On query from members, the Director briefly mentioned various parameters for inclusion in the rankings. Recommended by Dr Abhyankar and Col Virender Kapoor that the improvement in research can only take place if the supporting infrasystem exist in the Institute. He recommended that some faculty be sent on special faculty exchange program to one of the old IITs like IIT Bombay, to study the method of research activities carried out.</p> <p>Direction. The Patron recommended that the draft vision document be forwarded to other members of GBM for their comments. He directed that the document be restructured after obtaining all inputs with separate chapters on each of the parameters constituting NIRF ranking framework with special focus on research and professional practices.</p>	AIT	HQ Southern Command (Sigs) All Members
09.	<p>Agenda Point 2 – Centres of Excellence. The Director presented the three Centres of Excellence related to Innovation and Entrepreneur Cell (IEC), AI & Robotics CoE & AIR and Internet of Things (IoT). Mr MS Unnikrishnan appreciated this idea and</p>	AIT	All Members

	<p>mentioned that there is a dire need to focus on these areas of future technology and young students of millennial generation. He mentioned that similar activities of promoting out of box creative thinking by young engineers (25) is undertaken in his company. Mr VV Parlikar, Director, R & D Engrs, also mentioned they can assist AIT in many fields to develop these centres, specially for auto robot assistance of Mr MM Kuber from their lab can be obtained. He also suggested that assistance can be taken from other DRDO labs with cutting edge technology. Col Kapoor suggested that AIT can interact with Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR), Bangalore.</p> <p>Direction. It was directed that these initiatives be continued and assistance from agencies mentioned above be taken.</p>		
10.	<p><u>Agenda Point 3 – Introduction of Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme for students of AIT.</u> Director presented the proposal related to Merit-cum-Means scholarship which will be funded from the portion of interest from corpus of AIT. After detailed discussion it was decided that the scholarships be awarded to only three top students of each division and amount be reduced to Rs. 30,000/-. It was also recommended during discussion that needy students be encouraged to go for educational scholarships from banks which is a norm in advanced countries for professional education.</p>	AIT	HQ Southern Command (Sigs) & AWES Cell HQ Southern Command

11. During concluding remarks, Col Virender Kapoor suggested that each department can have a separate advisory board for assisting in entrepreneurship.

12. **Concluding remarks by the Patron.** The Patron summarized the discussions of the meeting. He thanked all the members for their valuable contribution and instructed that such meeting be held every six months. The Patron was thereafter taken to the new prefab Hostel "Sarabai" and shown the new dinning hall and mess for 144 students in the area of shopping complex. The Patron proceeded to HQ Southern Command.

13. **College Update.** College update was given to all members by Principal, AIT. The members appreciated various achievements and initiatives taken by AIT in last one year.

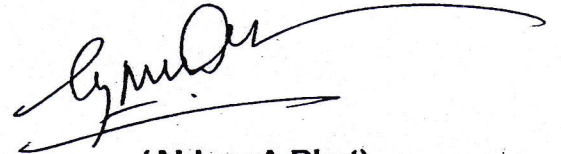
14. Vote of Thanks. The Director thanked the Chairman and all other members for their valuable contributions.

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