

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF STATE PROJECT FACILITATION UNIT (SPFU) (TEQIP-II) HELD ON 26.09.2013 AT 11.15 A.M UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, TECHNICAL EDUCATION, U.T. CHANDIGARH.

Following attended the meeting:-

1. Sh. V.K. Singh IAS
Secretary Technical Education, U.T.,
-cum-Chairman, SSC In chair
2. Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS,
SPA-cum-Director, Technical Education Member
Secretary
3. Dr. Bh. Nagabhushana Rao Mentor for PEC
UIET & UICET
(Special Invitee)
4. Sh. Manoj K. Arora Member
Director, PEC University of Technology
5. Prof. Renu Vig, Member
Director, University Institute of
Engg. & Tech.
6. Sh. Vikram Sahgal, Chairman, Member
PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry
7. Sh. Abhishek Puri, Member
Head, CII
8. Dr. Tilak Thakur, SPFU Member
Project Co-ordinator-Officer Incharge (TEQIP-II)

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At the very outset, SPA, SPFU welcomed the participants in the meeting and gave a brief account of the current status as well as the need to concentrate on the timeline for implementation of the TEQIP-II Project.

Secretary Technical Education as the Chairman of the State Steering Committee (SSC) in his opening remarks commented on the need of growth in the manufacturing sector as the Key focus area. He said that economic growth of a country can only be judged from the progress made by the manufacturing sector & technical education and skill will be the driving force in this direction, he added. He expressed concern about the technology and skill being used in India which has become obsolete long long time back. Lack of imagination and initiative on our part have further contributed to the already dismal economic scenario of the country. Secretary Technical Education however was categorical in stating that the CoE is a very good idea but how much it will benefit for the students & the local Industry is a big question mark. He was of the view that utmost Importance should be given to the hard core Engineering which is the basic Engineering. He was emphatic on Industry-Academic Collaboration.

After initial remarks/observations, the following Agendas were discussed and decisions taken:

4.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the SSC held on 16.05.2013.

It was confirmed.

4.2 Action Taken Report on the decision of the State Steering Committee meeting held on 16.05.2013.

It was Seen.

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4.3 Performance Review held by MHRD with participating states under TEQIP-II- Grant of relaxations/autonomy to Project Institutions.

During discussions the SPA advised all concerned who are associated with the TEQIP-II project to study the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) carefully again, act upon it and also check NPIU website and e-mails regularly. She also suggested that the Project Institutions should respond to all the queries or directions from NPIU/SPFU without awaiting for any reminder from these quarters, so that the deadlines are met without any difficulties, without getting into wastage of paper and using e-mode.

4.4 Selection of Centre of Excellence in "Industrial & Product Design" under Sub Component 1.2.1 in PEC University of Technology..

It was informed by the SPA that the first installment of the fund for CoE will be released shortly. It was, however, emphasized that the need is to stick to the salient features of the Project only.

4.5 Ratification of the approval accorded by Secretary Technical Education for International Travel Proposals of Faculty Members of UIET under TEQIP-II Scheme.

It was ratified and approved.

The Committee however decided that every faculty member/Administrator who happens to perform International Travel under TEQIP-II project must submit a report to SPFU about the outcome of his/her visit and also explain as to how the foreign visit will benefit the students & the Institution in particular and the society as a whole. All the three Project Institutions were also advised to adopt uniform policy/criteria so far as International Travel is concerned so that it can be taken up as an agenda item in next meeting.

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4.6 Revision of qualification and experience for the post of Computer Programmer for SPFU.

It was approved.

4.7 Assessment of Institutional Performance under TEQIP-II Scheme.

During discussions it was decided that the Key Performance Indicators as envisaged in the Project Implementation Plan are the yardsticks by which the overall performance of any Institution will be adjudged. The Chairman, SSC advised that all deadlines for MIS & other information including accreditation and other issues should be followed up fast. Dr Rao, Mentor of all the three Project Institutions who was a 'Special Invitee' was of the considered view that the Administrative and the supporting staff associated with the TEQIP Project should also be included and one representative from the Administrative side and one representative of the Students should be a part of the BoG. It was reiterated by Dr. Rao that inclusive approach should be adopted and all the stakeholders should be taken along for the success of the Project, so that a comprehensive development of the institution is possible.

4.8 Faculty Incentivisation for comprehensive implementation of TEQIP-II Project.

During discussions it was pointed out that very few faculty members of the Institutions are involved with the TEQIP Project which needs to be expanded.

It was, therefore, emphasized that it should be made clear that since API are mandatory for consideration for achievements in terms of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) on the basis of the performance of the faculty members as per UGC norms, so TEQIP should be a parameter too. This will help a long

way in involving other faculty members with this Project. It was also decided that the Committee constituted for this purpose should hold discussions on the issue very urgently and submit its report preferably within a fortnight and get it ratified in next meeting.

4.9 Inclusion of Chairperson, Dr. SSB UICET, Panjab University as member of State Steering Committee (SSC).

It was approved.

4.10 Student/Faculty/Staff Satisfaction Surveys.

During discussions, it was conveyed that Student/Faculty/Staff Satisfaction Surveys are of utmost importance and part of PIP. The formats devised by SPFU were discussed as a sample illustration which were discussed & be expanded or modified by the Institutes keeping in view the broader frame work envisaged in the project guidelines. It was discussed that the Students survey should be 'On-line' for 100% participation by the students; analytical approach should be adopted and if required 'code' method should be developed. Secretary Technical Education advised all the Project Institutions to complete this exercise in this semester only.

General

1. The Chairman, State Steering Committee broadly summed up the discussions in four parts i.e. Industry Academia Collaboration, lack of imagination towards improving the overall qualities of engineering education, faculty incentivization & student/faculty/staff Satisfaction Surveys. He was of the view that while the first two steps are a

continuing process the remaining two should be given more importance and attention for successful implementation of the progress.

2. It was emphasized that a minimum of one hour per week must be spared by the Director of each Project Institutions exclusively for TEQIP-II related works.
3. Prof. Nagabhushana Rao, Mentor was of the view that each member of the BoG must spent at least 80 hours per month in connection with the development of the Institute.
4. The STE-cum-Chariman, SSC desired that Sh. Faquir Chand Kohli, Director of Pune College of Engineering, Pune, should be invited by the Project Institutions for interaction with the faculty members, students and Industry people for the benefit of all the stakeholders.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



STE-cum- Chairman

