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Members Present:

Name	Designation	Participated Online/ Offline
Dr. M. R. Jayaram Hon'ble Chairman, GEF	Chairperson	Offline
Sri. M R Sampangi Ramaiah Hon'ble Trustee, GEF	Member	Offline
Sri. M. R. Kodandaram Hon'ble Trustee, GEF	Member	Offline
Sri. B. S. Ramaprasad Chief Executive, GEF	Member	Offline
Dr. V. K. Aatre Management Representative	Member	Offline
Prof. Satish C Sharma UGC Nominee	Member	Online
Dr. Chandrashekara State Govt. Nominee	Member	Offline
Dr. H C Nagaraj VTU Nominee	Member	Offline
Dr. Vinod Kumar Nowal Deputy Managing Director, JSW	Member	Online
Dr. Venkatesh Raikar	Special Invitee	Online
Sri. G. Ramachandra, Chief Finance Officer, GEF	Member	Offline
Dr. Archna Registrar (Academic), RIT	Member	Offline
Dr. Sethu Selvi HoD, ECE, RIT	Member	Offline
Dr. N V R Naidu Principal, RIT	Ex – Officio, Member Secretary	Offline

Agenda Item 1

Principal welcomed Hon'ble Chairman & all the members to the Governing Body Meeting. Hon'ble Vice Chairman, GEF Sri. M. R. Seetharam and Sri M.R Ramaiah, Secretary, GEF could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupied appointments.

Principal requested Hon'ble Chairman to preside over the meeting and solicited his permission to proceed with the discussions on 'Agenda items' with his valuable opening remarks.

Agenda Item 2 Approval of minutes of 19th Governing Body meeting

The Governing Body approved the minutes of 19th Governing Body meeting held on 24th September 2020.

<u>Agenda Item 3</u> Action taken/Action Plan Report on minutes of 19th Governing Body meeting held on 24th September 2020

- The Governing Body members discussed the agenda items suggested by the Hon'ble members during the 19th meeting. Principal, Dr. N V R Naidu presented the action taken report on the suggestions provided by the Hon'ble members in the last meeting.
- Principal briefed the Hon'ble members about the implementation of tenure based HOD position. He informed that tenure based HOD position has been implemented in six departments. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested Chief Executive and Principal to lay down few broad guidelines for the HODs who have taken up the tenure based position. Also, the roles and responsibilities of senior professors needs to be specified. Hon'ble Chairman, GEF emphasized on homogenizing the faculty and bringing in awareness with regards to departmental development. Prof. Satish Sharma emphasized the need to focus on the vision of the department laid for next few years. The continuation of HoD's is purely performance based. Sri. M. R. Kodandaram, Hon'ble trustee said that existing activities at the department should not stop but continue with further improvements and add-ons.
 - Principal informed the Hon'ble members about the progress of Centers of Excellence and Research & Development Cell. Prof. Satish Sharma suggested to attach some PG/PhD students to these centers by designing the problem statements aligned towards these centers. Sri. M. R. Kodandaram, Hon'ble trustee asked about collaboration with University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. Principal briefed about Department of Medical Electronics Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering and Information Science & Engineering having an MoU signed recently with University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore to promote collaborative research activities.

• Principal presented the list of collaborative projects being executed by various departments to promote interdisciplinary culture at the RIT campus. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested to promote multidisciplinary courses at UG level. He also emphasized on the need to have a vision which is at par with technology requirements of industries. To begin with PG courses can be the starting point as it is easy to implement changes in smaller student groups.

Under the NEP courses like sociology can be integrated to engineering college curriculum. Principal informed that an exclusive meeting has been scheduled during September 2021 for implementation of curriculum changes as per the guidelines of NEP 2020.

Agenda Item 4 Approval of Minutes of 17th Academic Council Meeting held on 23rd April 2021 (Conducted online/offline)

Principal briefed the members about the salient points discussed during the 17th Academic Council meeting held on 23th April 2021. The Hon'ble Governing Body members suggested that the institute must look into the Government of India guidelines on NEP and plan a road map for the implementation of the same emphasizing on multidisciplinary curriculum.

The Hon'ble members approved the Minutes of 17th Academic Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 5 A Brief Report on AICTE/VTU Approval

Principal updated the Hon'ble members about the AICTE approval for 13 UG & 15 PG programs for the academic year 2020-21. He also briefed about the introduction of two new UG programs for the academic year 2021-22

- Artificial intelligence and Machine learning
- Artificial intelligence and Data Science

The proposed changes in intake for the UG programs: Information Science & Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering and Mechanical Engineering were also presented. Dr.V.K. Aatre and Sri. M. R. Kodandaram, Hon'ble trustee suggested that change in the intake for the Mechanical Engineering was not necessary as core branches see a fall and rise in intake.

Principal informed that reduction in admissions affects the NBA pre-qualifier application hence the change in intake was necessary.

The Governing Body members approved the new programs and the changes in intake for selected UG programs.

Agenda Item 6 Report on NBA Accreditation

The Principal presented the brief report on the accreditation status of various UG & PG programs and informed the Hon'ble members about the accreditation status of 12 UG programs and 9 PG programs. He also briefed about the Non-Accredited status of PG course on Computer Applications in Industrial Drives (Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering) due to non-availability of Professor with specialization in the area of Computer Applications in Industrial Drives. Hon'ble members raised a concern about having specialized faculty in certain areas.

Agenda Item 7 Report on NAAC Accreditation

Hon'ble members sought a detailed explanation of the scores in criteria 5 & 7. Hon'ble members mentioned that Principal must submit the list of possible initiatives that institute has planned for future NAAC accreditation. The decision on implementation of these initiatives will be taken by the Governing Body based on the intricacies involved.

Agenda Item 8 Report on NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework)

Principal presented the details to all the Hon'ble members about the NIRF rank obtained by RIT for the year 2020. Hon'ble members suggested RIT to target to reach top 25 institutions in India. They also suggested Principal to identify the areas of improvement to achieve better NIRF ranking in the coming years.

Agenda Item 9 Report on UG & PG Admissions for the year 2020-21

Principal informed Hon'ble members about the UG and PG admissions for the academic year 2021-22. Hon'ble members appreciated for having had admissions around 94% in UG and 86% in PG.

Agenda Item 10 A brief report on inauguration of First Semester Classes 2020

Principal briefed all members about the commencement of first year BE/B.Arch classes for the academic year 2020-21. The classes started from 28th December 2020 in online mode followed by offline classes from 15th February 2021.

Agenda Item 11 A brief report on UG/PG Graduation Day 2020

Principal informed all members that the Graduation Day for the 2016-2020 batch students could not be conducted due to prevailing covid-19 pandemic situation. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested to do the graduation day ceremony online for which Principal said that the planning will be done to host online graduation day this year.

Agenda Item 12 Pradarshana 2021

Principal briefed the members that Open Day Project Exhibition – Pradarshana 2021 could not be held due to Pandemic Covid-19 but the book of abstracts has been printed with 434 Project abstracts.

The Governing Body members appreciated the book of abstracts containing the Project details of all UG/PG student projects.

Agenda Item 13 Comparison of Academic performance for 3 years- Result Analysis

Hon'ble Members were briefed about the academic performance for the previous three academic years for both UG & PG in terms of pass percentage. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested that the progress of last 3 years results for both UG & PG to be presented graphically.

Agenda Item 14 a Summary of Research publications of Faculty during the period July 2020- June 2021

Details on the research publications of faculty during the period July 2020 - June 2021 has been presented and noted. Hon'ble members appreciated the effort of faculty and expressed to enhance the research publications further. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested to provide the h-index for

top few faculty in the next Governing Body meeting. Prof. Satish Sharma enquired about the number of Q1 publications for which Principal informed that 26 publications are in Q1 journal in last six months.

Agenda Item 14 b List of faculty members and external candidates who obtained Ph.D. degree during the period September 2020 - June 2021

The Faculty members and external candidates who obtained Ph.D. degree were congratulated by the Hon'ble members. The list was noted and recorded.

Agenda Item 14c List of Ongoing Sponsored Research Projects

Sponsored funded projects ongoing at the institute across various departments has been presented and recorded. The governing body members appreciated the improvement in the number of funded projects and emphasized to improve on funding amount as the number of faculty with Ph.D is considerably high at the institute.

Agenda Item 14d List of Ongoing Sponsored student Projects

List of sponsored student projects ongoing at the institute across various departments has been presented and recorded. The governing body members appreciated the students and the faculty guiding them for the project work.

Agenda Item 14e Report on Research and Development Cell

Principal presented the activities of the R&D Cell at RIT. He also informed the members that 13 patents had been filed by the R & D cell in last 1 year. Dr. V.K Aatre, emphasized on patent commercialization. He said that only filing and grant of patent is not enough, how effective is a patent is known after its commercial application.

Hon'ble members suggested that R&D Cell should bring more grants to the institute from the industry.

Agenda Item 15 Faculty & Student achievements

Principal presented the faculty and students achievements to the Hon'ble members, Hon'ble members congratulated all the faculty & students for their achievements.

Agenda Item 16 List of FDP/SDP/Workshops/Webinars organized

Hon'ble Members appreciated the events organized during the year across all departments at RIT. The Online Webinars conducted during the Covid-19 Pandemic period have also been appreciated by the members. Hon'ble members requested that the quality and quantity of information provided during the programs must not be compromised, when they are conducted online.

Agenda Item 17 List of faculty provided with incentive for publication

Hon'ble members applauded the incentives provided for the faculty to enhance the publications. Dr. Satish Sharma appreciated Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 publications and said more focus should be Q1 & Q2 publications.

Agenda Item 18 List of faculty provided with seed money for Research

Hon'ble members appreciated the RIT initiative for providing the seed fund for research to faculty. Members requested the R&D Cell to regularly review the outcomes of the projects funded by RIT.

Agenda Item 19 List of full time research scholars provided with stipend

Principal briefed the Hon'ble members about the full time Ph.D candidates receiving stipend per month from RIT.

Agenda Item 20 Report on campus placements for the Academic year 2019-20

A report on campus placement and comparison report for the previous three academic years has been presented and noted. All the students placed were congratulated by the Hon'ble members. The members also appreciated the placements during the pandemic period. Dr. V.K Aatre suggested to present the placement information graphically for 3 successive years for both UG & PG programs.

Agenda Item 21 Budget approval for the financial year 2021-22

Principal presented the budget utilization for the year 2020-21 for all the departments/ sections. The members were satisfied with 83.5% overall utilization.

The budget allocated for the financial year 2021-22 for all departments /sections was presented and approved.

Agenda Item 22 Centers of Excellence established at RIT

The coordinators of the Center for Imaging Technologies, Center for Advanced Materials Technology, Center for Antennas & Radio frequency systems and Center for Cyber Physical systems presented a brief overview of the work initiated and planned at their respective centers. Dr. V.K Aatre suggested the following:

- to look at verticals rather than horizontal growth of centers.
- to have few centers in focused areas where collaborative work for product development can take place.
- the coordinator of center for Advanced Materials to collaborate with Center of Nano sciences and GKVK (Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra) for future work.
- the coordinator of Center for Imaging Technologies to study the gait lab established at Jain Hospital, Bangalore.
- Center for Antennas & Radio frequency systems can work in collaboration with Dr.K J Vinoy who works in the area of Antenna Arrays & Beam Steering and Microwave Antennas at IISc, Bangalore.

Agenda Item 23 New Initiatives at the Institute

Principal introduced the Ramaiah Evolute Team to the Hon'ble members and briefed about the section 8 company established at RIT. The Chief Strategist and Mentor of Ramaiah Evolute, Mr. Samartha and CEO, Mr. Murali krishnan G made a brief presentation on the incubation and mentoring process for the startups from various GEF institutions.

Dr. V.K. Aatre suggested Ramaiah Evolute team to mentor students so that at least one product is launched in market each year from RIT.

Suggestions by Hon'ble Members:

- 1. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested to provide the h-index for top few faculty in the next Governing Body meeting.
- 2. Dr. V. K. Aatre suggested that the progress of last 3 years results for both UG & PG to be presented graphically showing all semesters student performance of 1 year on 1 graph.
- 3. Dr. V.K Aatre, emphasized on patent commercialization. He said that only filing and grant of patent is not enough, how effective is a patent is known after its commercial application.
- 4. Dr. Satish Sharma appreciated the ecosystem at RIT and encouraged to improve further. He emphasized that publications in Q1 & Q2 journals must be improved and faculty should emphasize more on quality than quantity. The Centers existing at RIT should have PG & Ph.D student participation. He also appreciated the research grants at RIT and requested to have better faculty retention.

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