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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE MANIPUR TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY HELD AT THE CITY CONVENTION CENTRE, IMPHAL ON 07.12.2016 WITH THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, MANIPUR TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN THE CHAIR.

Members present: Given as Annexure - A.

At the very outset the Vice-Chancellor, Manipur Technical University welcomed all the distinguished members present in the meeting. The Vice-Chancellor then presented before the Board the agenda for consideration and approval which was discussed in detail by the members.

1. To approve the Budget of the University for the year 2016-17.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that the total receipt of the University during the year 2016-17 is Rs. 543.065 lakhs and the total expenditure likely to be incurred is Rs. 646.45 lakhs. As the total expenditure is calculated by assuming that the entire permanent faculty members have been recruited which is presently not the case, the Vice-Chancellor informed that the required expenditure can be met from the available funds.

**The Budget of the University for the year 2016-17 (Annexure - B) was approved by the Board of Management.**

2. To approve the first Statutes.

The Vice-Chancellor gave a brief explanation of the contents of the first statutes of the Manipur Technical University which contains provisions of the powers and duties of officers and authorities of the university; the constitution and functions of various committees; terms and conditions of service of teachers and non teaching employees etc.

**The Board approved the draft Statutes of the University.**

The Vice-Chancellor also brought to the notice of the Board members the desire of the State Government that recruitment of certain non-teaching posts be carried out by the Manipur Public Service Commission.

**The Board members unanimously resolved to send a gentle request to the State Government to allow the University to preserve its autonomy regarding the recruitment of both teaching and non teaching staff which is the prevailing practice in other universities.**

3. To approve the first Ordinances.

The Board deliberated on the contents of the Ordinances of the University particularly on the following details:

(a) Choice Based Credit System (CBCS): The Board decided that the University may explore to create facilities whereby the students of the University may earn credits by attending courses at neighbouring institutes like the National Institute of Technology, Imphal, the Manipur Institute of Technology, Imphal or the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. The University may sign a Memorandum of Understanding in this regard with the neighbouring institutes.

- (b) Revaluation of answer scripts: The Board decided that the University may look at the prevailing practices of other similar institutes. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take action in this regard which may be reported in the next meeting of the Board.

**The Board approved the draft Ordinances of the University.**

4. To approve the Delegation of Financial Rules, Manipur Technical University.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Board members that the draft Delegation of Financial Rules, Manipur Technical University placed before the Board for approval has been vetted by the State Government.

**The Board approved the draft Delegation of Financial Rules, Manipur Technical University (Annexure -C).**

5. To approve the common seal of the University.

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6. To approve the Procurement Manual of the University.

The Board members agreed to refer the draft Procurement Manual of the University to the Finance Department of the State Government to see if is in accordance with the State Government Rules. The Special Secretary, Finance (PIC), Govt. of Manipur assured that the draft manual will be vetted by the Finance Department of the State Government within two weeks along with recommendations for modifications, if required. The Board further resolved that the Vice-Chancellor may start implementing the provisions of the draft Procurement Manual by incorporating modifications suggested by the Finance Department, Govt. of Manipur, if any, and report the same to the Board in its next meeting.

7. To approve the procurement of movable properties of the University for the year 2016-17.

The Board approved the procurement of movable property of the University for the year 2016-17 placed before the Board of Management as listed at Annexure -D for an amount of Rs. 96, 42, 980/-.

8. To approve making the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati the mentor institute of Manipur Technical University, Imphal

The Board members congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for the initiative and advised to pursue rigorously with Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Govt. of India and IIT, Guwahati to make IIT, Guwahati the mentor institute of the University. The Board also advised the Vice-Chancellor to explore possibility of collaborating with neighbouring institutes like NIT, Imphal and MIT, Imphal and take assistance during the nascent stage of the University such as inviting the HODs of the various departments of the neighbouring institutes by the University faculties.

**The Board approved the proposal of making the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati the mentor institute of Manipur Technical University, Imphal.**

9. To approve affiliation of Manipur Technical University to University Grants Commission, All India Council of Technical Education and Association of Indian Universities.

The Chairman, UGC informed that there is no requirement for affiliation to the University Grants Commission or the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He further informed that being a University set up by the State Government, Manipur Technical University may apply to UGC for recognition under section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to receive central assistance. He also spelt out the detailed requirements to receive recognition by the UGC under section 12 (B) of the UGC Act.

The Board approved the proposal for application to UGC for recognition under section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956 on fulfilment of the necessary requirements.


10. Miscellaneous.

- (a) **Permanent University Campus:** The Board decided that a request be made to the Government of Manipur for allotment of land for construction of permanent campus of the University on priority basis. Hon'ble MLA and Chairman, Manipur Pollution Control Board Dr. Ng. Bijoy Singh and Hon'ble MLA Shri. L. Ibomcha Singh assured the Board members to pursue the State Government rigorously for allotment of land on priority basis.
- (b) **Hostel Facility:** The Board members unanimously expressed the importance of providing a Boys' hostel before the commencement of the next semester as the University at present provides hostel facilities to only the girl students. To this, the Vice-Chancellor informed that the University is exploring all available alternatives including utilisation of the hostel facilities at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) complex located adjacent to the University campus while making efforts for identification of a permanent University campus for construction of hostel facilities.
- (c) **Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET):** The Chairman, UGC informed the Board members that the Manipur Technical University with its limited library facilities and being in its nascent stage may apply for associate membership with the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre on payment of nominal fees and gain access to more than 7500 e-journals. He also informed that the University may write directly to the Chairman, UGC for the membership.

The Board agreed to write to UGC for associate membership under INFLIBNET.

- (d) The Board also directed the Vice-Chancellor to prepare perspective plans (for 5 years) of the University. Each year, the plan may be reviewed and may also undergo course correction. In addition, every department of the University may also prepare 5 year plans.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Registrar, Manipur Technical University.

  
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Vice-Chancellor,

Manipur Technical University, Imphal