

## **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FRIDAY, 20 APR 2012**

The meeting of the Local Managing Committee Meeting was held on Friday, 20 Apr 2012 at 11.00 am in the Conference Room of AIT. Following Members were present for the meeting:-

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| (a) | Maj Gen MPS Baweja        | - | Chairman AIT                         |
| (b) | Maj Gen SPS Nawathe       | - | Chief Academic Advisor, Dy Comdt CME |
| (c) | Brig Rajinder Kumar       | - | Legal Advisor, DJAG HQ SC            |
| (d) | Prof Ms. Archana Chougule | - | Representative of Teaching AIT       |
| (e) | Prof RS Verma             | - | Representative of Teaching AIT       |
| (f) | Mr. BD Sonawane           | - | Representative of Non-Teaching AIT   |
| (g) | Brig (Retd) SK Lahiri     | - | Director AIT                         |
| (h) | Prof Dr VP Gosavi         | - | Secretary LMC, Principal, AIT        |

### **Observers**

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| (j) | Col VB Shrikhande         | - | Joint Director, AIT |
| (k) | Lt Col (Retd) S Karodpati | - | Project Officer     |
| (l) | Prof MS Khaladkar         | - | TPO                 |

1. Dr. VP Gosavi, Principal, welcomed all the members present for the meeting.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last LMC meeting** Principal read out the minutes of the last LMC meeting held on 11 Nov 2011. Prof. RS Verma proposed the minutes & Prof Archana Chougule seconded them and the minutes were unanimously passed in the meeting. After repeated attempts by one of the Teaching Representatives to raise teaching staff pay related issues even during confirmation of the last LMC meeting, the Chairman expressed his genuine concern. He exhorted the teaching staff to think less of their own pay and allowances on such occasions, and focus more on student-centric issues. He promised that he would sincerely take up genuine pay-related issues with the higher auths, but the staff should also be reasonable in their expectations.
3. **College Update.**
  - (a) Principal updated all members about college activities during the current semester. ISO 9001:2008 was obtained for 4 yrs in Feb 2012.

(b) NBA re-accreditation team is likely to come in next semester. All Depts are preparing for it. IT will be accredited for the first time. A new format has been started by NBA with effect from this year, and our self Evaluation as per this format on the conservative side is attached as Appx 'A'. Efforts are being made to hire senior faculty with PhD to increase our score.

4. **Activity Report of Current Semester.**

(a) Academic session of second semester of AY 2011-12 started on 01 Jan 2012.

(b) Tech Aakriti competitions were held from 03 to 05 Feb 2012, where more than 400 students of AIT competed in 22 technical events for inter-departmental competition – Overall championship was won by IT Dept for 2011-12.

(c) AIT week was held from 15 to 24 Feb 2012 consisting of following events :-

(i) **PACE.** Inter-college sports competition where more than 20 colleges competed in 16 events – Girls Football was introduced for the first time.

(ii) **Tech Horizon Guest Lecs.** CEOs and eminent industry personnel visited AIT and shared their valuable experiences and secrets of success with the student body. These were as follows :-

(aa) “Energy Conservation and Management” - Mr Rahul Pendharkar, Emerging Tech.

(ab) ‘Lifetime Achievement Awards’ for contribution to engineering field given to Mr SP Ranade, Founder Director MITCON and Mr SV Joshi, Founder of Nichrome Ltd.

(ac) ‘Young Entrepreneurs Awards’ were given to Mr Anup Tapadia, youngest IT entrepreneur Founder of two companies and double MS from California Univ, and Mr Kailash Katkar, MD & CEO of Quickheals Pvt Ltd.

(ad) ‘Career 2015 Opportunities and Preparations’ :-

- Mr Natarajan, Vice Chairman, Zensar Technologies.
- Mr Suhas Bakshi, MD & CEO Demag Cranes.
- Mr Satish Sarthi, Head SAP Europe (L & T Infotech).
- Mr Kishore Vikhe, VP Capgemini.
- Mr Bobby Kuriyakose, Chief HR Forbes Marshall.
- Mr Idresh Chandra, ex Chief HR Turnaround India & Kumao.

(iii) **Tech Solutions.** More than 1200 students from over 40 colleges competed in 20 technical competitions. The final prize distribution ceremony was held in Raman Theatre where Dr Rahul Joshi presented a scintillating song and music program based on “Chakra Energy Centres” of the body to awaken a joyous life style. This pgme was tremendously appreciated by all students and staff incl the Chairman of AIT.

(iv) **Inter-college Gen BC Joshi Debate and JAM Competitions.** More than 50 students competed and the prizes were given away by Maj Gen Satish Nawathe, Dy Comdt CME.

(v) **Gen BC Joshi Quiz.** This quiz competition open to corporate and colleges was very popular. More than 43 teams participated and prizes worth Rs 18,000/- were distributed to winning teams from the Corporate by the Offg COS Maj Gen SV Bhide, YSM, VSM.

(vi) **AIT Day.** AIT celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 24 Feb 2012 which was started from last year. The Adjt Gen Lt Gen JP Nehra, AVSM\*\* was the Chief Guest. The program comprised of :-

- (aa) Felicitating meritorious students.
- (ab) Acknowledging achievements of Alumni.
- (ac) Award of AIT scholarships
- (ad) A documentary on ‘Innovations in Technology’ directed by students of Comp Dept was screened.
- (ae) A book on cloud computing “Business @ Cloud Level” by an AIT Alumni Pawan Yadav was released.
- (af) Mr Siddharth Kale of Mech Dept (2011 batch) was felicitated for topping Pune Univ exams.
- (ag) Ms Divya Singh (2011 batch) was awarded cash award of Rs. 25,000/- and a replica of trophy instituted by the Chief of Army Staff as ‘Best Out-going Student’ of 2010-11.
- (ah) A scintillating cultural pgme by AIT students was followed by dinner.

(d) **Guest Lectures & Industrial Visits (July 2011 to Mar 2012).** 10 Lectures by Tech Experts from DIAT, MCEME, MCTE and EME School were conducted.

DEPT	MECH	E & TC	COMP	IT	ASGE	TOTAL
Guest Lectures	19	21	15	15	04	74
Industrial Visits	02	01	02	02	01	08

(e) **Papers / Books Published / Presented by Faculty (July 2011 to Mar 2012).**

DEPT	MECH	E & TC	COMP	IT	ASGE	LIBRARY	TOTAL
International papers	13	06	05	04	00	02	30
National papers	00	04	06	03	03	03	19
<b>Total papers</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>49</b>
Books published	02	01	-	02	00	00	05
Wksp / Seminars attended by faculty	10	08	09	09	04	02	42

(f) **Papers by Students Published / Presented / Accepted for Seminars / Conferences.**

DEPT	PAPERS PRESENTED	CONFERENCES ATTENDED	TOTAL
MECH	10	08	18
E & TC	24	06	30
COMP	05	02	07
IT	08	22	30

(g) **Placement Record as on 30 Mar 2012.**

AGGR	COMP			E & TC			IT			MECH			TOTAL		
	PL	UPL	TOT	PL	UPL	TOT	PL	UPL	TOT	PL	UPL	TOT	PL	UPL	TOT
>65	19	0	19	10	0	10	13	0	13	8	0	8	50	0	50
60-65	14	0	14	20	0	20	18	0	18	14	0	14	66	0	66
58-60	9	0	9	10	0	10	7	0	7	6	0	6	32	0	32
55-58	2	0	2	5	0	5	11	1	12	12	3	15	30	4	34
50-55	7	5	12	7	5	12	7	3	10	3	8	11	24	21	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>227</b>
%	91.07			91.23			93.33			79.63			88.99		
% of Placement = 89% PL = Placed - 202 UPL= Unplaced - 25 TOT= Total - 227															

(h) **Summary of Soft Skill Evaluation : TE 2011 – 12.** TE students were individually assessed by a professional soft skills trainer in April 2012 and their grades are as follows :-

GRADE	COMP	E & TC	IT	MECH	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
A	6	11	16	13	46	19.41
B	19	28	17	14	78	32.91
*C	31	21	25	30	107	45.15
*D	1	0	1	4	6	2.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*These students will be given compulsory soft skill training and then only Registered for Placement.

(j) **Alumni Activities.**

- (i) Alumni Meet org on 24 Sep 2011 :- Four entrepreneurs talked to the students.
- (ii) Alumni association has again contributed Rs. 50,000/- for BAJA Asia Cup competition this year.
- (iii) Alumni experts are delivering lectures to our students on various subjects.
- (iv) AMALGAM Sports competition between Alumni and present students held on 05 Mar 11 and Rs. 50,000/- contributed by Alumni Body as prizes for student projects.
- (v) Open Source Software Club doing live project under sponsorship of Propalms Ltd owned by AIT Alumnus.

5. **Attendance.** Discussion took place on the poor attendance of some students which was affecting their academic performance. The fine system was not deterring them from missing classes as students feel that finally they would be allowed to appear for Univ exams by paying fines. The Director suggested that from next semester no fines will be collected. The hostels would be closed during class hours and those doing project wk etc would have to move to Study Halls, Library or Project room. The Chairman stated that since he had already addressed the students in the Raman Theatre in the morning about Univ rule on detention being applied strictly from next sem, and since seven students were being detained this semester for shortfall of attendance, the desired effect would be there. However, Depts should inform the parents of students with low attendance on a regular basis before finally detaining their wards.

6. **Agenda Point I : Approval of Staff Requirement for AY 2012 – 13.**

Recruitment of Faculty for AY 2012-13 was approved as indicated in Appx 'B'.

7. **Agenda Point II : Discussion of 2011-12 First Semester Results and Remedial measures taken.** First Semester Results and Remedial measures taken are at Appx 'C'

8. **Agenda Point III : Discussion on feasibility of undertaking ATB projects / Research projects by AIT.** 14<sup>th</sup> Army Technology Board Meeting was organized at MCEME, Sec'bad from 29 Feb to 01 Mar 2012. The meeting was chaired by Lt Gen K Surendra Nath, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C, ARTRAC and was attended by Army Officers as well as academicians from all IIT colleges. Scientists from DRDO, CAIR etc were also invited. The meeting was attended by Prof GR Patil of E & TC Dept. His observations are as under :-

- (a) The Projects are initiated by Army Officers, based on specific requirement of Army.
- (b) The Projects are complex and interdisciplinary in nature and require experts from various fields for execution of Projects.
- (c) The Projects are to be carried out in limited time frame with final finished product being delivered (there will be Production Partner as well).
- (d) Most of the projects are related to the Field equipments of Army.
- (e) AIT is currently not in a position to undertake such projects, without PG dept and more consultancy expertise.

9. **Agenda Point IV : Approval for Policy decisions taken since last LMC Meeting.**

- (a) As Dr RK Prasad left on health grounds there was a need of a Senior & Qualified Faculty in E&TC Dept. As such, two probable candidates were interviewed and Dr. BP Patil who is working as Principal in MMCOE, Lohegoan has been offered appt as Professor and Head E&TC Dept. He is likely to join in April end.
- (b) There was need of Senior Faculty in IT Dept especially due to NBA as qualified candidates in this Branch are not available. Dr Ramesh PhD in Comp has also been offered appt as Prof and HOD in IT Dept wef 25 Jun 2012. Col(Retd) KP Haran, who has worked as HOD Comp in AIT has been given appt as Asst. Professor & is likely to join in Jul 2012.

(c) 7 students are being detained due to shortfall in attendance this semester. They are 01 from SE IT, 05 from TE Comp and 01 from TE E &TC.

(d) From next semester any student falling short of 75% attendance will be detained without option of paying fine etc. For BE students this rule will also be applied with some concessions for Project related work.

(e) AIT Open Merit Scholarship is proposed to be increased by Rs 1.0 lac to Rs 2.5 lac (Rs 10,000/- x 25 students) so as to motivate more students to do better in academics.

(f) To encourage more students to undergo value addition courses from next semester, course charges will be collected as part of College fees in July 2012.

(g) About 40 students have presented papers at National and International seminars this year. It is proposed to encourage more students to embark on such ventures by subsidizing their Registration cost (50% to 100% based on merits of each case).

(h) A Statement of Case has been forwarded to Army HQ for approval of Wi-Fi facility for all hostellers. It has been proposed to charge every student Rs 150 per month as Network charges along with their tuition fees with effect from next semester.

(j) Final Year Farewell Ceremony has been traditionally held over 7 days in AIT totally organised by TEs. This year it was cut down to 4 evenings during holidays. However, it disturbs students studies and also generates unpleasant situations. A meeting was held with TE students reps on 16 April and it is hereby proposed to cut it down to one Evening formal BE farewell for which all TEs will pay Rs 200 with their tuition fees and the balance will be funded by the college.

10. **Agenda Point V : Approval of Budget 2012 – 13.** At Appx 'D'
11. Additional Points from Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff representatives alongwith remarks from college management are attached as Appces 'E' and 'F' respectively.
12. Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Principal.

  
20/4/12