



**Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Governing Body held on
Monday, 10th October, 2022**

The 11th meeting of the Governing Body of SVKM's Mithibai College (Autonomous) was held in Conference Room at President's Office, 10th floor, NMIMS building) on Monday, 10th October 2022 at 11.30 a.m.

Following members attended the meeting:

Chairman:

Shri Amrish Patel, President, SVKM

Members:

Shri Amit B. Sheth
Shri Shalin Divatia
Dr. M.N. Welling
Shri Sudhir Shrivastava
Shri Asoke Basak
Dr. Nupur Mehrotra
Dr. Anil Singh

UGC Nominee:

Dr. Latha Pillai

University Nominee:

Dr. Dnyaneshwar M. Doke

Ex-Officio:

Prof. Krutika B. Desai (I/c. Principal)

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductory remarks by the Chairman:

- Shri Amrish Patel was in the Chair.
- Prof. Krutika B. Desai welcomed all the members on behalf of the Chairman.

2. Leave of Absence, if any:

Shri Mohan Awate,
Shri Deepak Ghaisas,
Dr. Sonali Rode (State Government Nominee)



3. To confirm the draft minutes of the last meeting of Governing Body held on 30th March 2022:

There being no correction/suggestion, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 30th March 2022 be confirmed and signed.

Matters arising out of Action Taken Report:

The Principal informed that the Notional Hours were approved in the Academic Council meeting.

It was suggested that question papers and course attainment should be mapped with POs, PSOs, COs.

With regard to discontinuing or restructuring of certain programmes having deficit (viz. B.Sc. Biochemistry, Biotechnology & Computer Science), the Chair recommended that job oriented programmes should be introduced, and programme/s having deficit and also not providing placement opportunities, should be discontinued or restructured. I/c. Principal Prof. Desai informed that, this year (2022-23) students in B.Sc. (Hons.) Biochemistry programme were not admitted. She further informed that the committee consisting of experts from renowned institutes such as IISER, IIT, NIRRH, Amity University, NCCS etc. is constituted for restructuring of the existing Science programmes (undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG)). The Chair suggested a meeting of these experts with Shri Amit B. Sheth (Hon. Secretary, SVKM & Incharge, Mithibai College) should be convened to discuss the matter.

With respect to appointing an Administrator in the college, Prof. Desai informed that Mithibai College timings are from 7 am to 7 pm, so, more than one administrator may be required. It was suggested that proposal for the same may be sent to SVKM.

4. **Principal's review of the activities & major events:**

Admissions:

The members stressed that if students are not admitted to fullest intake capacity for the programme, it will adversely reflect on the NAAC assessment score in the student enrolment ratio.

The Principal said that combinations in Science (B.Sc.) programmes should be reviewed. It should be discussed with Shri Amit Sheth, Shri Asoke Basak & Dr. M.N. Welling & then the proposal can be presented in the next meeting.



Results:

It was suggested that the results analysis (subject-wise) should be critically reviewed by HoDs concerned.

Training and Placements:

Observation was made that the placements for the postgraduate programs are not upto the mark, and that there should be 100% placements of the registered students. Members recommended that record of data of registered as well as non-registered students (with reasons) should be submitted by Placement Officer. Shri Basak informed that a required module could be developed in HANA/SAP system, which is already available for SVKM institutes. Prof. Desai informed that the same will be done in two months, provided complete module is available in HANA/SAP system.

Prof. Desai further informed that one of the major reasons for less number of placements could be lack of soft skills in students. Taking this in view, she also informed that from academic year 2022-23 the college has introduced course on "Life Skills" as a part of syllabus at first/second year level of all programs. It includes various modules for upgradation of soft skill and it will help the students to crack interviews and succeed in the placement process.

The Chair desired that the entire data/records of placements should be presented in the next Governing Body meeting.

5. **To consider the Recommendations of 14th Academic Council meeting held on 24th September 2022:**

New programs:

Commerce

- i) B.Com. (E-Commerce)
- ii) M.Com. (Wealth Management or similar nomenclature)

Science

- i) B.Sc. Medical Imaging Technology (in lieu of reorganization of present B.Sc. Biochemistry programmes) a skill based program in line with NEP 2020. Prof. Desai said that MOUs will be signed with the hospitals (Kokilaben Hospital, Tata Hospital, etc.) for initiation and implementation of the programme, which will include their faculty involvement and internship. Members further recommended that instead of the full three-year graduate program, a diploma course can be initiated.
- ii) M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

The Chair desired that the matter of starting new programmes should be discussed & finalized with Shri Amit Sheth, Incharge-Mithibai College. The M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science programme can be introduced as data science is in much demand.



Dr. Latha Pillai suggested that instead of introducing new programmes, some interdisciplinary courses may be inducted in the existing programmes.

Add-on Courses:

Two credits/30 hours Add-on courses as recommended by various departments were approved.

Conducting practical examinations through internal examiners:

Members did not approve the proposal.

Change in existing moderation rules:

Members did not approve the proposal, but stated that existing rules should be followed.

6. **To consider the Recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting held on 30th July 2022:**

Discussed & Approved.

7. **[Supplementary Agenda Item No. 7]:
“Mithibai College Regulations for Recruitment, Appointment, promotion/upgradation of teaching staff including Principal”.**

Principal Prof. Krutika B. Desai presented the Supplementary Agenda Item no.7, for which a notice has been already circulated after obtaining permission of the Chair.

She informed that Mithibai College has been granted Autonomous Status vide UGC notification no. F.22-1/2017(AC) dated 28th March, 2018 and University of Mumbai's letter no. Aff./ICD/18-19/430 dated 7th June 2018, and that under the Autonomy Scheme, Section 122 of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (MPU Act), provides for grant of full academic and administrative autonomy subject to the provisions of Maharashtra Public Universities Act and guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Further, Prof. Desai informed that, as per provisions of Section 3, Clause 3 of Government of Maharashtra, Higher and Technical Education Statute No. 3 of 2019 notified under Maharashtra Public Universities Act, full academic and administrative autonomy would also involve appointing own administrative staff and teachers including Principal of the Autonomous College, keeping in view the provisions of the relevant UGC regulations 2010. Section 122, Clause 3 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act authorizes the autonomous affiliated colleges to constitute their authorities and exercise powers and perform functions and carry out administrative and other activities of the university related to their spheres of autonomy.

Principal Prof. Desai informed that the college has so far not formulated regulations for exercising the administrative autonomy relating to appointment of administrative staff and teachers including Principal. It has now been proposed to frame the regulations for



exercising these powers provided under the Autonomy Scheme of UGC and Government of Maharashtra. She further informed that as per Section 122, Clause 3 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (MPU Act), the autonomous college can constitute its own authorities to exercise and perform the functions and activities of the universities relating to the sphere of autonomy. Accordingly, she informed that the present regulations have been framed, which have been scrutinized and recommended by Dr. M. N. Welling & Shri Asoke Basak, for adoption by the Governing Body. The Incharge-Principal recommended to the Governing Body for approval of the proposal and for adoption of the above named regulations.

After some deliberations, members approved the proposal and passed the following resolution unanimously:

RESOLUTION

“RESOLVED that the regulations named “Mithibai College Regulations for Recruitment, Appointment, promotion/upgradation of teaching staff including Principal”, be and hereby approved, taking into account the provisions of various Acts & Regulations, which have conferred administrative autonomy pertaining to appointment of administrative staff, teachers including Principal.

It was further noted that above-said regulations are based on all the relevant provisions of the UGC regulations of 2010 pertaining to Recruitment, Appointment, promotion/upgradation of teaching staff including Principal. These regulations may be acted upon with immediate effect.”

Passed unanimously.

8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

The Chair stressed that biometric of students should be regulated.

There being no other matter, the meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. Krutika B. Desai
Ex-Officio-Governing Body
(Principal)

Amrith Patel
Chairman, Governing Body