

Vidya Prasarak Mandal's College Of Engineering Thane
Minutes of the First Governing Body Meeting held on Tuesday 24.09.2024 @1.00PM.

Following Members were present.

1. Dr. Vijay. V. Bedekar : Chairman
2. Sri. A.V. Marathe : Secretary
3. Dr. Mahesh Bedekar : Member
4. Sri. J.N. Kayal : Member
5. CA. R.R. Rasal : Member
6. AICTE Nominee : Member
7. DTE Nominee : Member
8. University of Mumbai Nominee: Member
9. Dr. D.D. Kale : Member Educationist
10. Sri. C.S. Limaye : Member - Industrialist
11. Dr. D.K. Nayak : Principal & Secretary
12. Dr. Mrs. Kirti Agashe : Nominated Member Teaching Staff
13. Mrs. R.U. Patil : Nominated Member Teaching Staff

Minutes of the Meeting.

1. Opening brief by the Principal & Secretary.

Dr.D.K.Nayak, Principal & Secretary, welcomed all the members of newly constituted Governing Body to the First meeting.

2. Role and Responsibilities of Governing Body.

As per the AICTE guidelines, the Governing Body is constituted by the Management to exercise control on the functioning of Institution. The GB shall meet twice a year to review overall performance and decide policies to be implemented.

3. Details of Process followed and approvals received for the conversion of Diploma to Degree College.

Principal appraised about the desire expressed by the Management in September 2023, for the conversion by following the AICTE process of approval which commenced in October 2023. On 30.01.2024, Institute team completed the uploading of proposal in all respects by making the necessary processing fees payment.

4. Inauguration of Vidya Prasarak Mandal's College of Engineering Thane. Management organized a program for the Inauguration of newly established Engineering College on 27.07.2024 at 5.00PM in the august presence of Chief Guest Padma Vibhushan Dr.Anil Kakodkar, Former Secretary of Atomic Energy Commission Govt.Of India. A musical program to commemorate the occasion by renowned singer Sri Anirudha Joshi, Member of Managing Committee of VPM Thane which mesmerized the audiences. The event concluded with dinner for all the attendees.

5. AICTE EOA 2024-25

After multiple online scrutiny meetings, the AICTE New Delhi conveyed the approval for conversion from Diploma to Degree through its Extension of Approval (EOA) dated 22.05.2024.

6. University of Affiliation 2024-25

Mumbai University issued the NOC for Affiliation through its letter dated 02.04.2024. This was a crucial document to complete the AICTE Approval process. In continuation to this College paid Rs.375000/- as Renewal Affiliation fees (2025-2026) on 3/9/2024 and Rs.375000/- as Natural Growth Affiliation Fees (2025-2026) on 5/9/2024 for completing the Affiliation process.

7. Maharashtra Govt. GRs for the change in the Name of Institution and progressive closure of Polytechnic from 2024-25

The MSBTE and DTE constituted Committees visited the Campus to provide their respective NOCs during February 2024. MSBTE issued NOC dated 26.02.2024 and DTE forwarded the proposal with recommendation for approval in April 2024.

After receiving AICTE EOA, GRs dated 09/07/2024 for Closure of Diploma, dated 16/07/2024 for start of Degree and 19/07/2024 for name change from Polytechnic to Engineering College, were received to complete the further formalities.

8. FRA Fees for Academic Year 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

For newly established institutions, The FRA Govt. of Maharashtra permits adhoc fees for the first two years. Through FRA notification dated 20.06.2024, FRA has approved Rs 90000.00 for the Engineering colleges established during 2024-2025. Accordingly, the fees structure was declared to various categories of students.

9. GB Approval for various committees formed as per the statutory provisions from the Academic Year 2024-2025.

The Anti Ragging Squad, Internal Complaints Committee(ICC) Vishakha- Women Grievance Redressal Committee, SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Committee, Student Grievance Redressal Cell(SGRC), Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Institution Innovation Council (IIC), College Development Committee (CDC) which are constituted for specific purposes by the College were given approval for their functioning.

Each Committee shall meet at least twice in a year and discuss related issues and take appropriate steps to deal with any specific incidences. Each committee shall organize activities to avoid any unforeseen events for maintaining conducive atmosphere for Student and staff working.

10. Approval for Vision and Mission Statements of the Engineering College.

The existing Polytechnic had already completed four cycles of accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation(NBA) New Delhi. Presently the four programmes have valid accreditation up to 30.06.2026. **In view of continuing quality legacy, college formed its vision statement and the GB approved the Vision and Mission Statements as under.**

Vision

Emerge as a center of excellence in Engineering Education and Research with the commitment to foster Innovation, Values and Skills in Engineers who will contribute towards sustainable development.

Mission

- Provide a strong foundation in engineering fundamentals through quality pedagogies.
- Encourage innovation through research, design projects and entrepreneurial endeavors that address real world challenges.
- Empower students to develop leadership, communication and teamwork skills with a sense of ethics and social responsibility.
- Facilitate inter disciplinary collaboration and partnership with Industry, academia and community to create impactful solutions.

11. Post facto approval for the appointment of Teaching Staff and Support Staff on Adhoc Basis.

The list of 32 teaching Staff and 12 Support staff who were interviewed by the constituted committee and appointed by the Management are placed before the GB. The GB accorded post facto approval for all the appointed candidates to ensure satisfactory completion of academic and administrative activities.

12. Admission status of B.E. First Year 2024-2025

The First Year of Engineering admission process by CET Cell concluded on 15.09.2024, saw excellent performance

1. Computer Engineering 68 / 68
2. Information Technology 69 / 69
3. Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering 63 / 63
4. Automation and Robotics 60 / 63
5. Electrical Engineering 49 / 63

Total 309/ 325

13. The Revised Tentative Budget 2024-2025 in view of Start of Engineering College and approval for changes.

In view of revised curriculum of University of Mumbai implemented from this Academic year, it is required to purchase new Equipment's for First year Engineering departments. Accordingly revised tentative budget is presented for the approval by GBM. Equipment's will be purchased by phase manner.

14. The Tentative vs Final Budget as per Income Expenditure Statement during 2023-2024.

Principal presented the comparative statement of tentative vs actual Budget for the year 2023-2024. The tentative budget indicated a deficit of Rs.30.00 lakhs. During the year with collection of funds through fees and Social welfare department reimbursement, surplus of Rs.32.92 lakhs was achieved.

15. Approval for the Non-Recurring, Recurring and Maintenance Budget

The implementation of new Curricula by Mumbai University from the Academic Year 2024-2025 as per NEP 2020 guidelines demands specific set of equipment in various departments. Accordingly the department wise budgets are prepared and NR budget of Rs. 63.20 lakhs, Recurring budget of Rs. 18.00 lakhs and Maintenance Budget of Rs.5.15 lakhs totaling to Rs. 86.35 lakhs budget is earmarked for the year.

The amounts will be spent based on the need of each department / laboratory.

16. Building Maintenance activities and Budget provisions.

In view of providing required facilities of Engineering, it is recommended to improve the infrastructure in phased manner.

1. The State-of-the-art IT Facility need all the furniture and fixtures and it is decided to complete the project during the year.
2. The existing Workshop sheds and other cover materials were replaced to prevent leakages and the budget of Rs.20.00 lakhs earmarked for the purpose.
3. White wash of Class rooms and Toilet Blocks Rs.2.50 lakhs
4. Porch at the Entrance of Engineering College Rs. 10.00 Lakhs
5. Seating arrangements in the Porch Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

17. Any Other points.

1. Dr. Mahesh Bedekar suggested that the initiative of VPM to convert the existing Polytechnic to Engineering College is with the intention to establish a best college. Accordingly, he expected that the faculty shall live up to the expectations in Innovations and Research. Efforts shall be made to tie up with IITs and International Universities for Exchange programmes.
2. Mr.C.S.Limaye suggested to have Industry experts for specialized topics and have student sections of organizations like ISA. College shall subscribe to International Journals relevant to the disciplines.
3. Dr.D.D.Kale appreciated the progress made by the Polytechnic to changeover to the Engineering College.

4. CA Mr. R.R. Rasal advised to prepare Income & Expenditure Statement preferably by separating Polytechnic & Engineering College expenditures & Income.
5. Presently it is difficult to separate the expenditure due to common infrastructure and manpower. Principal informed that, the FRA guidelines will be checked to find out how to maintain the Bank of Accounts for the purpose of fees computation for the Academic year 2026-2027.

6. Concluding remarks by the Hon.Chairman

Hon. Chairman Dr.Vijay V.Bedekar complemented the Polytechnic team in its efforts to convert the Institution into Engineering College. As most of the experienced staff are available at the services, he expected the progress to continue as Engineering College shall offer unlimited opportunities.

He also recommended to form an Advisory Committee with renowned Scientists and Industrialists such as Dr.Anil Kakodkar, Sri.Deepak Ghaisas and others. A decision in this regard shall be taken in due course of time.

7. Schedule of next meeting.

The Second Governing Body Meeting will be scheduled in the month of March 2025 with prior intimation to all the members.

8. Vote of Thanks

Meeting concluded with Vote of thanks to all the members present.



Dr. D.K. Nayak
Principal